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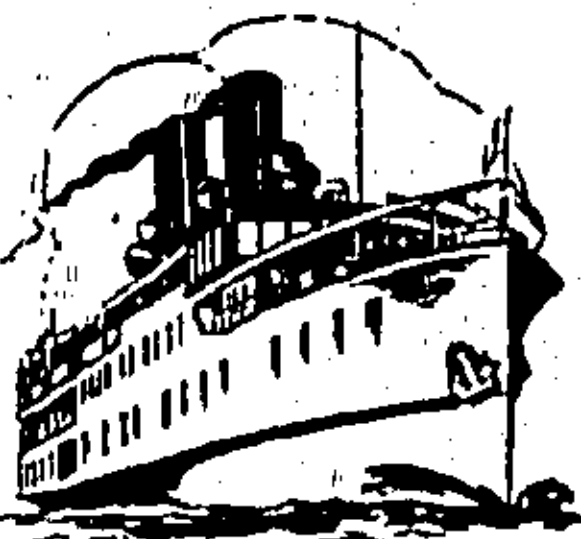
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"Buying Buddhas, etc."

BY

PHILIP NESBITT



The business of buying Buddhas is a subtle one. In the first place, one must WANT Buddhas, and there's not much reason for that. There must exist a simple delight in the shape, the expression, the contour of these small effigies of strange Oriental Gods. Most persons haven't this taste. If they are fortunate enough to have a little tendency in that direction, they are invariably sold a bronze casting from Japan, or one of the more recently executed Indo-Chinese Buddhas. I, for one, have nurtured a keen delight, in fact almost an obsession in the matter of Buddhas.

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INDIAN COLLIERY EXPLOSION

Heavy Death Toll Feared

Calcutta, Dec. 18.

The European manager and 150 miners are believed to be dead as the result of an underground explosion in a colliery near Asansol on the East Indian Railway in Bengal. It is understood that the colliery is not on fire and efforts are being made to recover the bodies.

British Wireless.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB CHAIRMAN.

Former Partner With King George VI

London, Dec. 18.

Wing Commander Sir Louis Greig, who partnered King George VI when in 1926 His Majesty played in the doubles championships at Wimbledon, has been elected Chairman of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Veteran—Premier—Captain



The sole surviving member of Australia's first Test team, Mr. T. W. Garrett (left), who played against the England team at Melbourne in 1877—introduced to G. O. Allen at the official luncheon to the B.C.C. team at Usher's Hotel, Sydney. In the centre is the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Stoyan.

TO-DAY'S RACES

Final Selections

BY

"LAST QUARTER"

FIRST RACE
Bright View
King's Sceptre
Pontiac Bay

SECOND RACE
Strathroy
Electron
Australian Boy

THIRD RACE
New Star
Valorous
Soldier of China.

FOURTH RACE
Bear Claw
King's Warden
Diana Bay

FIFTH RACE
Double Finesse
(In the absence of Holiday Eve)
Bohniak Star
Snowy River

SIXTH RACE
Rose Evelyn
Wild Cat
Gold Sovereign

SEVENTH RACE
Laughing Buddha
Diogenes
Don

EIGHTH RACE
Hopscotch
Casius
Shamrock

DAILY DOUBLE
Double Finesse
and
Laughing Buddha

GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

Engagements

Cancelled

We are officially informed from Government House that His Excellency the Governor, on the advice of his medical advisers, is cancelling all his social engagements until December 24th, inclusive and will be in residence at Fanling Lodge.

TWO ROBBERIES IN MONGKOK

Woman Threatened With Death

ONE MAN ARRESTED

While C. I. D. officers at Mongkok Police Station were investigating an armed robbery not three hours had elapsed before a highway robbery in Canton Road was brought to their attention.

The first report told the story of a visit by three men to the second floor of 51, Tung Choi Street, where lived Chan Heung, aged 59, widow, her daughter-in-law, Lip Lee, 25, and four grandsons.

Chan Heung narrated to the police that about 2.30 p.m. she left the verandah in the front part of the premises and on entering the passage way, running alongside the cubicles, she was stopped by three men.

One of the men told her to stand aside and then he pushed her into the cubicle where he produced two knives and laid them on the table. The woman was bound with string and wire and placed on the bed. She was threatened with death if she dared to shout or move.

Her daughter-in-law, Yip Lee, was in the front cubicle near the verandah at the time and she was brought into the room where Chan Heung had been placed. Yip Lee was also tied and put on the bed. The four grandsons, who

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"DAILY PRESS" PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

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DISTRIBUTED FREE ON MONDAY

With every copy of Monday's "Hong Kong Daily Press" there will be distributed free a handsome and comprehensive Christmas Supplement containing thirty-two pages of local pictures, thus constituting a unique record "at a glance" of the most important and interesting happenings in the Colony during the year.

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Kwanti Gymkhana



Mr. R. Stocker, R.A., photographed at the R.W.F.'s Gymkhana held recently.

CHINA SITUATION CROPS UP IN COMMONS

Great Regret Expressed At Happenings

London, December 18.

At question time in the Commons, Mr. Anthony Eden said he had nothing material to add to his statement of December 15 regarding the situation in North China, resulting from the arrest of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He understood discussions have been proceeding between the Chinese Government and Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang through an intermediary, but he has not yet heard the result.

To the best of his information, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still under detention by the military and measures by the Central Government appear to be continuing.

"I should like to add it is a matter of the greatest regret to His Majesty's Government that such a situation should have arisen in view of the serious effect it may well have on the unity and prosperity of China," said the Foreign Minister.

Reuter.

DANGER POINT

London, Dec. 18.

In the course of a debate on foreign affairs on the Christmas adjournment, Mr. Morgan Jones (Lab., Caerphilly) declared that the Far East was almost becoming, if indeed it has not already become, one of the danger points of the world. Nothing had ensued from the report of the League Commission appointed to enquire into the overrunning of Chinese territory by Japan.

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SHELLS FALL NEAR AMERICAN CRUISER

Gijon, Dec. 18.

Three shells fired by the Nationalist cruiser Espana fell about three hundred yards from the American cruiser Erie. The Erie showed her flag, whereon the Espana turned tail and steamed away.

Other Spanish ports on the southeast coast were bombarded by insurgent planes.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

EXTRA MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 18.

As a reflection of the demand for extra money for Christmas shopping, interest attaches to the latest Bank of England return which shows that during the last week the total of notes issued amounted to £467,695,333 as compared with the Christmas peak period last year of £426,516,785.

British Wireless.

PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

AN HONEST CHRISTMAS

A PLEA FOR SINCERITY

(BY SCRUTATOR)

The Rev. H. W. Baines, preaching in St. John's Cathedral last Sunday, made a telling appeal for the revival of religious wonder and reverence in preparation for Christmas. Assuming, as we safely can, that these mental attitudes are indispensably good and that we are capable of them, there is still a further preparation for the true appreciation and celebration of Christmas which is necessary. This is an attitude of mind which can only be attained by honest individual thinking, but it is the basis of all true reverence and the mother of a very real wonder and love.

The sincere understanding of the life of any man is bound to arouse such or similar feelings as Mr. Baines sought to invoke, but unfortunately, such feelings can be very easily simulated about the person of Jesus of Nazareth owing in large measure to our racial and hereditary associations with this season of the year. Christmas can be a riot of sentimentality which means, intellectually, nothing to us, and it will most definitely become that unless we recognise and fulfil the necessity for honest thought on the subject of him whose birthday we propose to celebrate.

The Church in her zealous care for her children with which she mingled a disingenuous care for herself, has throughout the ages, done a tremendous amount of thinking on the subject of the birth of Jesus, and has formulated the results of her thought into specious doctrinaire tabloids, to be swallowed, for the sake of convenience, by her would-be devotees. Indeed, doctrines, dogmas, and confessions, and their consideration, have usurped the place which honest individual thinking upon the person of Jesus should have occupied.

To tell the average Church member that Jesus, when he was born, was regarded as illegitimate by Mary's husband, is to invite all manner of hypocritical scorn and accusations of blasphemy against oneself, and yet such, in plain human fact, was his beginning, as it has been the beginning of many another of the world's heroes and saviours. To foist any other interpretation, immaculate miracle or anything else, on to his origin, detracts from his greatness and from his divinity, rather than increases it, for the honest mind. The true glory of his birth, surely, is that he was born of love from the body of a woman whose life was well-pleasing to God. Mothered by such a one, who dared, under penalty of death by stoning, to have the child of her love, and brought up by a man, whose own prejudices and whose people's law prescribed what would have been the fate of his young wife, yet who took that law into his own

hands and deliberately broke it, is it surprising that he became the greatest revolutionary thinker and teacher that the world has ever known. Nurtured by such a brave human love did he require any extraneous experience or endowment to attain the vision and knowledge of the father-heart of God which he came to possess?

With thoughts such as these before our minds, which we have assumed are capable of reverence and wonder, and with the knowledge of all that Jesus now means to us and to mankind, Christmas cannot fail to be a spiritual reality, such as no miraculous artifice could ever make it. God in Jesus also becomes more real and more truly appreciable because we can see Him being born in the life of an individual who was in all points like as we are, and we can know and have confidence that what has been can be again; that God and the love of God can fill our hearts and the heart of all the world, even as he captured and filled the heart of Jesus, the son of Mary.

Oh, of course it's all terrible heresy, but it's a true human story of a true human experience, and it has meant the mercy and love of God to many minds; and that is the only reason why it has been told again here, that this Christmas may become the starting-point of honest thought and sincere religion in other lives.

For we can discard all the trimmings which have been hung around Jesus, by human minds which deemed human life—God's own creation—unworthy of him, and indeed, the sooner we discard them the better for us and for our world, and we are left with the unalterable and inalienable truth of the man. Discarding trimmings is not discarding truth—only fools let the baby out with the bath-water—and no matter how you truthfully begin to regard Jesus of Nazareth, as the man he was, sooner or later you are driven by the very excellence and beauty of him to love him and to worship him, and Christmas becomes a time of real solid joy and the source of unbounded enthusiasm and power.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

4th Sunday in Advent, Dec. 20. Morning Order of Service by Rev. Erri Tribbeck, at 10.15, English Methodist Church opposite R.N. Hospital. Hymns No. 877 (Quam Dilecta), 889 (Ibry), 123 (Stille Nacht), 130 (Noel), 132 (Dix 681). Lessons: Isaiah 35, Revelation 3, 1-13.

Evening Order of Service by Rev. Erri Tribbeck at 7.15, English Methodist Church opposite R.N. Hospital. Hymns No. 125 (Bethlehem), 131 (The First Nowell), 140 (St. Cecilia), 689 (Rest, A.T. 23). Lessons: Malachi 4 and St. Matthew 25, 31-46.

Notices for the Week.

- There will be no Vocational Training classes on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25.
- Devotional class meets on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry.
- Camera Club.—Provides Dark Room for developing, printing, enlarging, etc. Further information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Club, Mr. A.M.M. Stephen, on Thursday nights from 8.30 onwards.
- Badminton Club meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from Mr. W. Sprague, Hon. Secretary or from the Secretary, S. & S. Home, Christmas Day, 1936.

Morning Order of Service by Rev. Erri Tribbeck. Hymns No. 117 (Berlin), 120 (Yorkshire), 118 (Adeste Fideles), 129 (Winchester Old), 163 (Rockingham 182).

EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

(UNDENOMINATIONAL)

The following are the Services for the week at Emmanuel Mission Church, 218 Nathan Road, Kowloon:—

Saturday, 8.30 p.m.—Fellowship Meeting followed by the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 10.30 a.m.—Divine Service. Preacher Rev. S. Boyle, Subject, "God answers Prayer." Text, "At the beginning of thy supplications—the commandments came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision" (Daniel 9:23).

Sunday, 3.00 p.m.—Sunday School. Young Men's Bible Class. Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 6.30 p.m.—Divine Service preceded by Song Service at 6.00 p.m. Preacher, Mr. Hugh Braga. Subject, "The Latter Day." Text, "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Monday, 7.45 p.m.—S.A.C.A. Blackboard Meeting.

Wednesday, 6.00 p.m.—Sunday School Teachers' Preparation.

Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.—Praise & Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, 10.30 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study Circle at No. 216B Nathan Road. This is open to all Ladies in the Colony, who are interested in the Bible.

Thursday, 8.00 p.m.—Bible Study Circle for Men conducted by Mr. James Braga.

The Services are open to all. No Collection on Sunday Evening.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

20th. December, 1936. 4th. Sunday in Advent.

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. (Communicants' Fellowship).

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion in Peak Church.

10.00 a.m.—Kindergarten and Children's Service.

11.00 a.m.—Matins. Preacher: Rev. G. K. Carpenter.

12.15 p.m.—Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m.—Evensong, and Christmas Music. Preacher: Rev. H. W. Baines. "The Coming of Christ."

Weekdays.

Preparation for Christmas:—"And because it is requisite, that no man should come to the Holy Communion, but with a full trust in God's mercy, and with a quiet conscience; therefore if there be any of you, who cannot quiet his conscience herein, but requireth further comfort or counsel, let him come to me, or to some other discreet and learned Minister of God's Word, and open his grief; that by the ministry of God's holy Word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with honest counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscience, and avoiding of all scruple and doubtfulness."

One of the Clergy will be in the Lady Chapel to serve any who need their ministry:—

Wednesday, December 23rd.—1.30-2.30 p.m.; 5.30-7.00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th.—1.30-2.30 p.m.; 6.45-7.30 p.m.

Monday, St. Thomas' Day, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayers for the sick, 10.15 a.m.

Thursday, Christmas Eve, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Festal Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Christmas Music from "Messiah" and Address.

Friday, Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 6.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8.00 a.m. Choral, Eucharist, 8.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service, 10.00 a.m. Festal Matins and Sermon, 11.00 a.m.

Saturday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion, 10.15 a.m.

OTHER NOTICES.

Cathedral Members.

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is now being made, in preparation for the Annual General Meeting. All baptised worshippers at the Cathedral who have not already signed the Roll are asked to complete the form which is provided. By so doing they become Electors and will give much help to the clergy.

Christmas Play: Masfield's "Coming of Christ" will be given on December 22nd, and 23rd, at 9.15 p.m. Programmes obtainable in the office.

Christmas Flowers:—The Women's Guild will be grateful for the loan of pots of scarlet and/or white flowers and also the gift of scarlet and white tulips for the decorating of the Cathedral for Christmas. Please send by 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 24th.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Cathine Road:—

December 20—4th Sunday of Advent.

Morning services.

1st Mass at 8.

2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese.

3rd Mass at 10.30, with sermon in English.

Evening services.

2.30 Religious Instruction for Young People.

3.30 Catechetical Instruction for Adults.

4. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction.

December 21—St. Thomas, Apostle.

December 24—Vigil of Christmas—Fasting Day.

Solemn Pontifical High Mass at Midnight.

December 25—Christmas Day—Holiday of obligation.

Morning Services:

1st Mass at 6.

2nd Mass at 8.

3rd Mass at 10.30.

Evening Services:

At 4 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Recitation of the Holy Rosary—Benediction.

December 26—St. Stephen Protomartyr.

On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Church of England)

CHRISTMAS TIDE SERVICES FUND FOR THE POOR

The following are the services etc. for the forthcoming week at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Sunday, 20th December.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

Choral Communion and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Revd. A.J. Benlitt, Chaplain & Lecturer of St. Paul's Boys' College Hong Kong.

Carol and Christmas Tree Gift Service 8.15 p.m. Preacher: The Vicar. Gifts for the Christmas Tree made at this service should be earmarked for "The Christmas Tree Fund." It is asked that they may be placed in envelopes and marked "Christmas Tree Fund."

Gifts of food and clothing and toys for distribution to the poor should be left at the Vicarage.

Young People's Service, 9.45 a.m. Kindergarten Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Primary Sunday School, 10 a.m. Monday.—Feast of St. Thomas. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Christmas Party, 3 p.m.

Fellowship of Youth, 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Club, 9 p.m.

Tuesday.—Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Wednesday.—Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Tree and Gift Service 6 p.m. This service will be held round the illuminated Christmas Tree in the church grounds and is for all children and parents who would like to come. Any suitable Christmas Gifts for the poor will be most welcome, including clothing and food. If wet, the service will be held in the church.

St. Andrew's Club Committee, 6.30 p.m.

Fellowship of Youth Carol Party makes tour of Central Kowloon leaving church at 7.30 p.m.

Rover Scouts, 8.45 p.m.

Thursday.—Decorations of Church for Christmas 10.30 a.m. Suitable gifts for the decoration of the church will be very welcome. Boy Scouts 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Club 'Open' night 9 p.m.

Friday.—Christmas Day Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m., 8.15 a.m., and 12 noon. Christmas Day Festival Service 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar.

ROSARY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming services, etc. at the Rosary Church, 20 Chatham Road, Kowloon:—

Sunday, December 20.—4th Sunday in Advent.

At 6.30, Mass with sermon in Chinese.

At 7.30 Mass with sermon in English.

At 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese.

At 9.30 Solemn High Mass in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At 10.30 a.m. Meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul's Society.

At 2 p.m., Catechism in Chinese.

At 2.30 p.m., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

From 2.15 to 4 p.m., Sunday-School.

Monday, December 21.—At 6 p.m. Meeting of the Children of Mary.

Wednesday, December 23.—At 5.30 p.m. Meeting of the St. John Berchmans' Sanctuary Boys Society.

Thursday, December 24.—Vigil of Christmas.—Fasting Day.

From 3 a.m. to noon Spiritual Retreat for the C.C.V.W.S.

At 12 p.m. (Midnight) Solemn High Mass with sermon in English and General Communion, followed by two low Masses.

Friday, December 25.—Christmas Day—(Holiday of Obligation).

Low Mass at 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Choral Mass, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at 9.00.

10-day.—Abstinence is dispensed.

Saturday, December 26.—Feast of St. Stephen Protomartyr. From today "the Solemnisation of Marriage" is permitted.

On week-day Mass at 6.30 and 7.30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Subject: Is The Universe, Including Man, Evolved By Atomic Force?

The subject of the Lesson sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, December 20, will be: "Is the universe, including man, evolved by atomic force?"

The Golden Text will be: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands." (Hebrews 1:10)

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas; and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the Earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his own kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind; and God saw that it was good. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." (Gen. 1:9-12, Ps. 19:1-4)

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spiritual ideas unfold as we advance. Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear. Genesis 1:10. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas; and God saw that it was good. Here the human concept and divine idea seem confused by the translator, but they are not so in the scientifically Christian meaning of the text. In metaphor, the dry land illustrates the absolute formations instituted by Mind, while water symbolises the elements of Mind. The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating-power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all. Infinite Mind creates and governs all, from the mental molecule to infinity. Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source. Mortal sense inverts this appearing and calls ideas material. Thus misinterpreted, the divine idea seems to fall to the level of a human or material belief, called mortal man. But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind is All and reproduces all—as Mind is the multiplier, and Mind's infinite idea, man and the universe, is the product." (Pages 381, 506, 507)

ANNOUNCEMENT

(Branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass.) Macdonnell Road, by Macdonnell Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 6 p.m. A reading room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the Services and visit the Reading Room.

UNION CHURCH

Morning Service, 10.30 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher at both services, Rev. J. D. Maclean of Kowloon; Evening Service, Rev. K. D. MacKenzie Dow, M.A.

The Christmas Party for the children of the Sunday School will be held in the Church Hall this afternoon at four o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the Presentation of prizes.

There will be no meeting of the Helena May Fellowship this week. There will be a short service held in the Church on Friday, December 23, Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Politics And Religion

REV. F. SHORT

The Rev. F. Short, of the London Missionary Society, was the speaker yesterday at the Christian Fellowship meeting, held in the Helena May Institute, when he presented a pessimistic outlook of present-day life which is being affected by political influences. He pointed out the necessity of Christian churches uniting with one another as a means of counteracting these evils which are laying heavy stress on the youth of to-day.

"I feel that no sacrifice would not be worth while if it can produce the reunion of all the churches of Christ. What is wanted to-day is some sort of symbolic act to show to the people outside that there is unity among us," the speaker said.

Continuing, Rev. Short pointed out that the world to-day is such that we get a shock every morning and we wonder what it is going to be up to next. There is a thought in the minds of men of the hopeless injustices in this world as revealed by political activities and the tragedy of it all is that a large number of young men have no religion at all. It was pointed out that the younger the radicals were, the stronger were the Communism.

The speaker stated that it was not unknown that large quantities of foodstuffs were destroyed in order that their owners make keep up prices.

"This kind of thing ought not to be allowed to continue," the speaker added, and he pointed out that food prices were maintained at the expense of a certain section of the community who would be glad to be able to get even a measure portion of a meal.

BEYOND CONCEPTION

"What is going on in Europe to-day is possibly beyond what any man could have conceived twenty years ago. Life is being regimented although we are preserving those democratic principles which we believe to be very real. We are made to feel we are living in momentous days."

The world to-day is forgetting the value of the individual and political influences in the lives of men will ultimately bring on evil results.

In conclusion, the speaker stressed the fact that nothing can take the place of that rising tide of spiritual experience as a means of meeting present-day conditions.

UNION CHURCH KOWLOON

PREACHER ON SUNDAY The Rev. K. D. MacKenzie Dow, M.A.

A Congregational Supper and Christmas Entertainment will be held to-night at 8 p.m. Tickets \$1.00.

Services on Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday School. 11 a.m.—Morning Worship. 6.30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermon: The Hope of the World. Friday 25th, December: 11 a.m.—Christmas Service. Retiring Collections will be taken at both Services on Sunday, and the Christmas Day Offering will be, on behalf of the Sunday School Funds.

KOWLOON TONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The following are the Services and Notices for to-day and to-morrow:—

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Sunday School Teachers' Christmas Party for the Children, preceded by Toy Service, 3 p.m.

Dec. 20, 4th Sunday in Advent. 7.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. 9.00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon. Preacher: Mr. R. Ashton Hill. 6.30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Mr. G. S. She.

tend the Presentation of prizes. There will be no meeting of the Helena May Fellowship this week. There will be a short service held in the Church on Friday, December 23, Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC NEWS AND NOTES

Pontifical Academy Of Sciences

The announcement that His Holiness the Pope had reorganised the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and had nominated a distinguished board of seventy scientists of international fame to serve as members, has aroused very favourable comment all over the world. This Academy is not something new, for it was founded in the year that Queen Elizabeth died, and is half a century older than the Royal Society, the oldest scientific society in England. The purpose of the Pope's reorganisation of the body is to give it "new life and impulse," so that the "traditional" patronage of science and "learning by the Holy See may be a very definite reality at the present day."

The new Academy will hold its first meeting in Rome on the 6th of next February, and the members will then decide on what course of activity they mean to pursue. All future members will be chosen by the Academicians themselves, according as vacancies occur. The members are chosen by the Academicians themselves, according as vacancies occur. The members are chosen from sixteen nations, and among them are several non-Catholics. Three Englishmen are included, Lord Rutherford, Sir Charles Sherrington and Dr. Edmund Whittaker. Of these only the last named is a Catholic.

FAMOUS NAMES

The three Englishmen who have accepted the Pope's invitation to act as members of the new Academy are known all over the world. Lord Rutherford is a New Zealander by birth. He has been Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics and Director of the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University for seventeen years. He is famous for his discoveries of the main features of atomic structure. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry and the Faraday medal of Electrical Engineers. He was President of the British Association in 1923 and has been President of the Royal Society since 1925.

Sir Charles Sherrington is, like Lord Rutherford, a holder of the Order of Merit, and is a former President of the Royal Society. He is a doctor and one of the greatest living experts on the nervous system. He has been honoured with degrees from universities and with membership of scientific societies in all parts of the world. He was Weyman Professor at Oxford until last year.

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ST. TERESA'S CHURCH KOWLOON TONG

The following are the forthcoming services at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon Tong.

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Ember Day—St. Darius, Martyr.

Sunday, Dec. 20.—4th Sunday in Advent:—

7.00 a.m.—First Mass with sermon in Chinese.

8.00 a.m.—Second Mass with sermon in English.

9.00 a.m.—Sunday School for Mexican Children.

9.30 a.m.—Third mass with sermon in English followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

There will be charity sales of dolls before and after the masses at the Church Doors.

Monday, Dec. 21.—St. Thomas, Apostle.

Distribution of old clothes by the members of the Catholic Women's Guild.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.—St. Dometius, C.

8.15 p.m.—Meeting of the members of the Active Service Unit.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.—St. Victoria, Virgin and Martyr.

Thursday, Dec. 24.—The Vigil of Christmas—Fasting Day.

10.00 p.m.—Christmas Party given by the St. Teresa's Chinese Young Men's Society to its members.

11.45 p.m.—Christmas Message will be delivered by Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

12.00 p.m.—Solemn Mid-night Mass—Music Missa Brevis by Palestrina.

Confessions will be heard throughout the whole afternoon until 11.45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day—Holiday of Obligation—Masses will be at 7, 7.30, 8, 9.30 and 10 a.m.

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WEEK-END RADIO PROGRAMMES

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SATURDAY
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Cinema Organ Music.

12.50 p.m.—Three songs by Leslie Hutchinson.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—A light orchestral concert.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather forecast, Raw rubber quotations, announcements and time.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Hits—Old and New.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7 p.m.—12 midnight.—European programme.

7 p.m.—The Orchestre Raymonde.

7.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—Maurice Vallin (soprano) and Maurice Marechal (violin-cello).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

9 p.m.—London—News and announcements.

9.20 p.m.—London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the second day's play by Alan Kippax, from Sydney. (Electrical recording).

9.35 p.m.—Popular Tunes of 1933 and 1934.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. Relay—Dance music from the Grill from the Hong Kong Hotel.

10.25 p.m.—London—The Proclamation of His Majesty, King George VI, from Saint James's Palace, London.

10.45 p.m.—London—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans (by permission of the Savoy Hotel, Ltd.), with Brian Lawrence (Australian vocalist), Anne Lenner, and the Three Ginx. Compere, James Dyrenforth. (Electrical recording).

11.15 p.m.—London—Arsenal v. Chelsea. A running commentary on the Association Football Match. From the Arsenal Football Ground, Highbury.

12.15 a.m.—Close Down.

SUNDAY

10 a.m.—Relay—Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.

11 a.m.—Relay—Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 to 2.30 p.m.—European programme of music.

12.15 p.m.—Eddie Ackland (contralto) with the London Symphony Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local: Time signal and weather report.

1.03 p.m.—Prelude Chorale and Fugue (Cesar Franck) played by Alfred Cortot (pianoforte).

1.20 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Time, weather forecast and announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Quartet in F Major, K. 590 (Mozart) played by the Budapest String Quartet.

2.05 p.m.—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

2.30 p.m.—Close down.

4 to 6.25 p.m.—Chinese programme.

6.25 to 10.30 p.m.—European programme (on a wavelength of 355 metres, 845 k.c.s and 3.49 metres, 9.52 megacycles).

6.25 p.m.—Relay—Bells and Evening Service from St. John's Cathedral.

7.45 p.m.—Eight Russian Folk Dances (Lidow) by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local: Time signal, weather report and announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos, Op. 17 (Rachmaninoff) played by Vronsky and Babin.

8.25 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

8.40 p.m.—London: The Proclamation of His Majesty, King George VI, from Saint James's Palace, London. (Electrical recording).

9 p.m.—Reuter News.

9.10 p.m.—Overture—"Ruins of Athens" (Beethoven) played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Arnold Rose.

9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.

A programme of Christmas music.

10 p.m.—London: Big Ben.

The London Palladium Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN PROGRAMME

SATURDAY

1.05 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB (German, English).

German Folk Song.

1.10 p.m.—Gay Musical programme.

2 p.m.—News in German.

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RADIO MANILA

SATURDAY

8.55 a.m.—Breakfast Hour of News and Music—English and Spanish Current Events and Vandalia of the Air, conducted by Don Alva.

9 a.m.—News and Review of the Week in English.

9.15 p.m.—A Sunday Evening programme.

9.30 p.m.—Women's Hour. The four light.

A Christmas play by Hans Heinrich Eichmuhl-Glanzer.

10 p.m.—News and Review of the Week in English on DJE, DJQ in Netherlands on DJA, DJB.

10.15 p.m.—A story by the Chief of the Law Court.

A radio drama on E. Th. A. Hoffmann by F. Ch. Lange.

11.15 p.m.—Hitler Youth Programme: The Fight with the Basilisk. An Old German Folk Play.

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2.15 p.m.—Gay Musical programme (continued).

2.55 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners.

3 p.m.—News and Economic Review in English.

3.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany. Sound Pictures.

3.30 p.m.—Cantata on the Birth of Christ.

Text: Lotte Thelle; Music: Gustav Adolf Schlemm.

4 p.m.—The German Piper comes—to-day as Santa Claus.

4.45 p.m.—The Short-Wave-Length Amateur.

5 p.m.—The Moonshine Sonata (sharp-minor) by Beethoven. Piano: Walther Welsch.

5.15 p.m.—Let us sing a Folk Song together.

5.30 p.m.—News and Economic Review in German.

5.45 p.m.—Women's Hour: The Fourth Light.

Christmas Play by Hans Heinrich Eichmuhl-Glanzer.

6.15 p.m.—Sign off DJA and DJB (German, English).

6.55 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB, DJE (German, English).

German Folk Song.

7 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.

8 p.m.—News in English.

8.15 p.m.—Concert of Light Music (continued).

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9 p.m.—News and Economic Review in German and Call DJQ.

9.15 p.m.—A glimpse of the Tyre production process.

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10 p.m.—News and Economic Review in English on DJE, DJQ in Netherlands on DJA, DJB.

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10.30 p.m.—Delightful Music of old masters on historical instruments.

11.30 p.m.—Moonlight Sonata, C sharp minor by Beethoven. Walther Welsch at the piano.

11.45 p.m.—Gaiety in Song. Frithjof Sempul, baritone.

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German Folk Song.

Outstanding Broadcasts of the Week.

1.10 p.m.—Sunday Concert.

2 p.m.—News in German.

2.15 p.m.—Sunday Concert (continued).

2.55 p.m.—Greetings to our Listeners.

3 p.m.—News and Review of the Week in English.

3.15 p.m.—Symphony Concert. Fuller-Songs by Erich Mirsch-Riechus adapted from the Text by Carl Maria Hofzappel; Symphony by Alfred Arber. Participants: The Short-Wave-Length-Orchestra under the Direction of Werner Richter-Reichhelm; Josef Maria Hauschild, Baritone.

4.30 p.m.—Old Musical-Master-Pieces on historic instruments.

5.30 p.m.—News and Review of the Week in German.

5.45 p.m.—Aboard the Etherbus through Germany.

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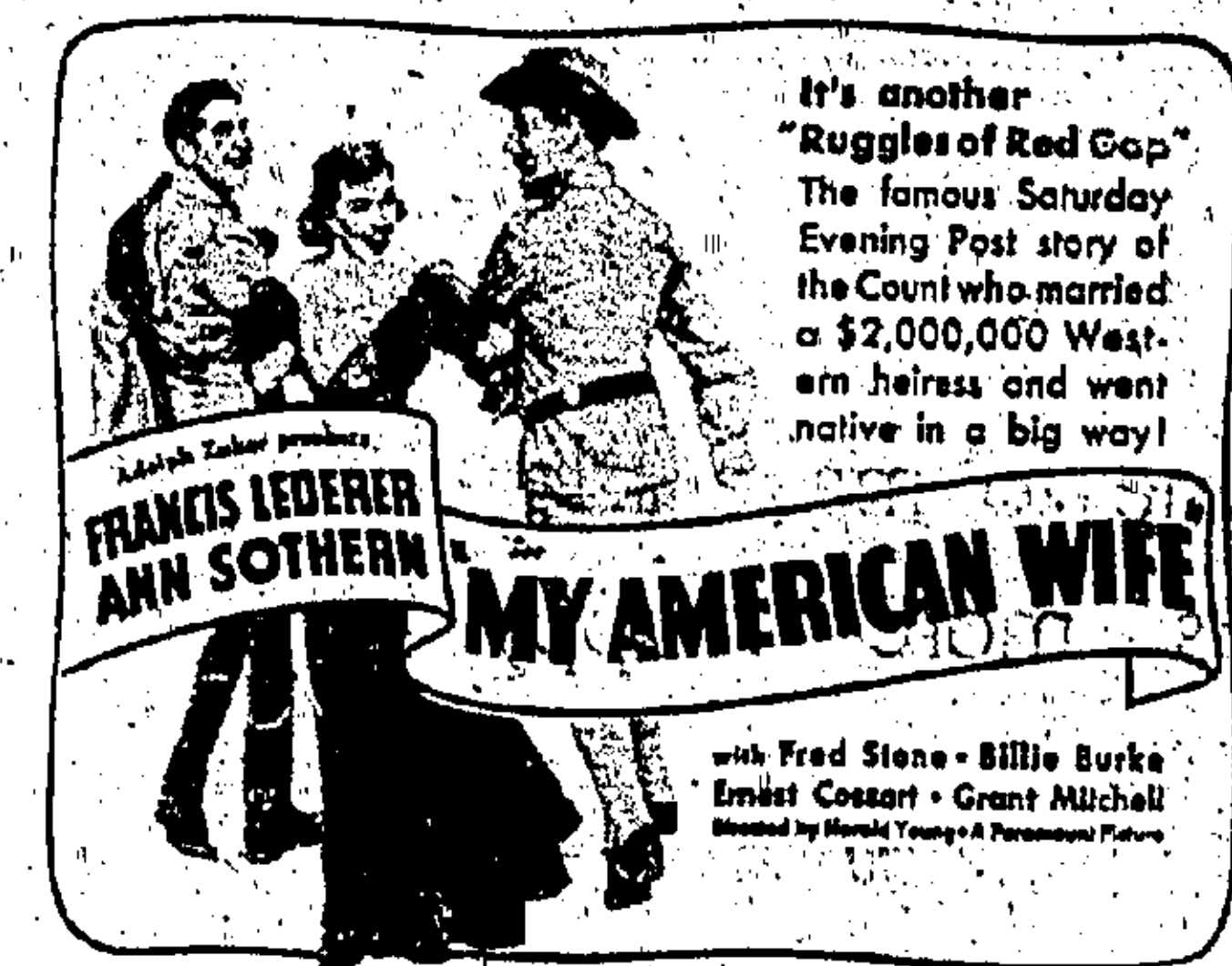
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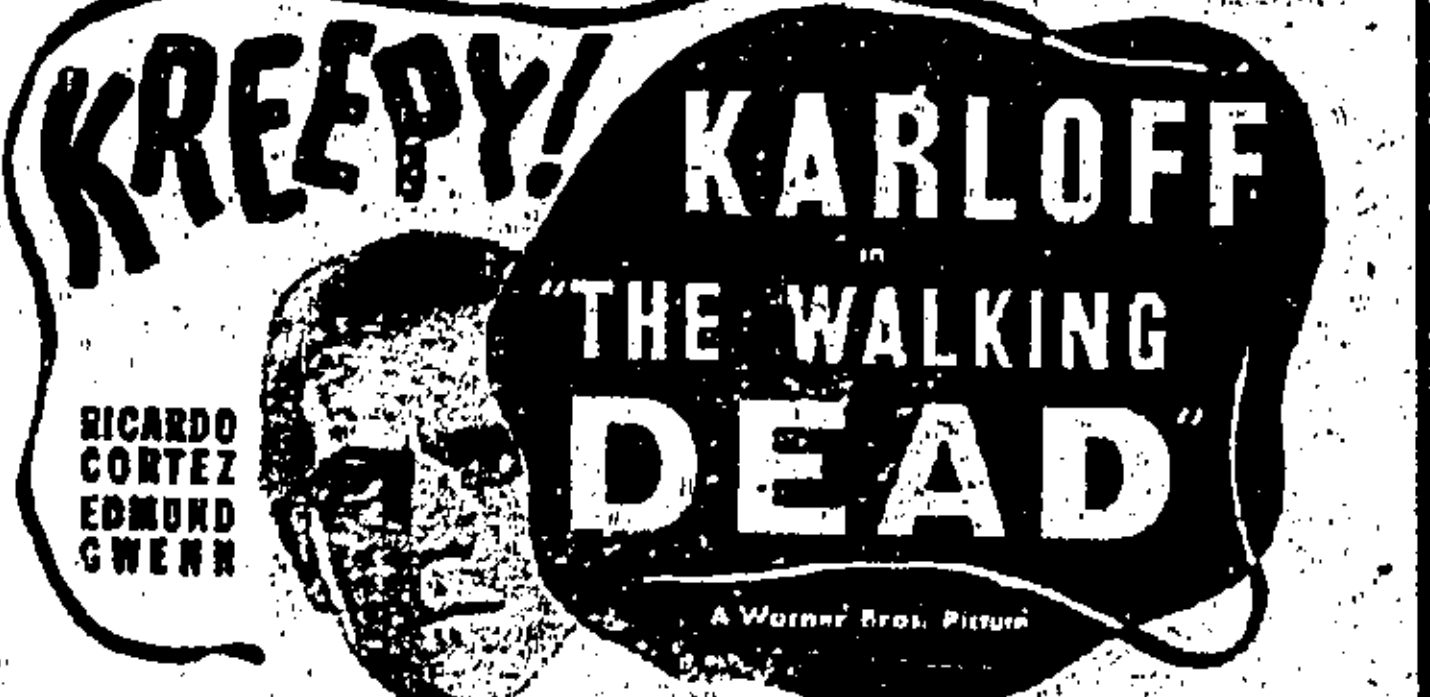
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FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY



SUNDAY AND MONDAY
"THE NEW ADVENTURES OF TARZAN"
SECOND (FINAL) CHAPTER

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Earthworm Tractors"
QUEEN'S:—
"My American Wife"
ORIENTAL:—
"The Ghost Goes West"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Three Cheers For Love"
MAJESTIC:—
"The New Adventure Of Tarzan"
STAR:—
"Paddy O'Day"

Sunday

KING'S:—
"Secret Interlude"
QUEEN'S:—
"My American Wife"
ORIENTAL:—
"The Walking Dead"
ALHAMBRA:—
"Two In A Crowd"
STAR:—
"The Princess Comes Across"
MAJESTIC:—
"The New Adventures Of Tarzan" (Final Chapter).

MY AMERICAN WIFE

A fine cast of stage and screen veterans, a neatly designed screen play, and expert direction make "My American Wife," the Francis Lederer picture with Ann Sothern, which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre at 7.15 p.m. only top-grade film entertainment.

Lederer, of course, is both charming and convincing in his role, as he has been in every motion picture in which he has appeared. Ann Sothern, lovely, exotic, and capable of handling the story's breezy, romantic dialogue, proves herself a perfect movie team mate for the European star.

"The story of 'My American Wife' gives an unusual, reverse angle twist to the situation of the title-seeking girl of wealth and the money-seeking nobleman. Lederer and Miss Sothern, Count and girl of wealth, marry for love. Returned to Arizona, Miss Sothern is gradually led by her mother to use her titled husband as a rung in the social ladder, while the Count himself, in love with America and the open West, wants to become a cowboy rancher and swap his title for the nickname 'Spike'.

The resulting situation brings the pair almost to divorce. Lederer finds his closest friend, after a time, is the man who despised him most on his arrival in Arizona, the old settler grandfather. At the close, Stone has been instrumental in bringing the couple back together.

"NEW ADVENTURES OF TARZAN"

"The New Adventures of Tarzan," which opened at the Majestic Theatre last night, blazes new and thrilling trails in bringing to the screen further exploits of this world-famous action character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Unlike its predecessors this new "Tarzan" took the audience on a thrill adventure into the wilds of Guatemala, where the story is laid. Here against a mysterious and fascinating background of scenic grandeur, colorful native music and strange rites, the new "Tarzan," Herman Brix, six feet and 24 inches of superb, athlete, battled to the death with a ferocious lion, subdued a wild bull, rescued the heroine from hordes of savage Indians, and performed other Herculean feats of amazing strength and courage.

The story starts with Tarzan boarding the S. S. Waiwai to help a friend, where he accidentally meets Major Marling, an archaeologist leading an expedition to the Guatemalan jungles in the hope of locating the famous Green Goddess—a priceless Mayan relic containing a fortune in gems. Tarzan joins the expedition, and immediately the party is beset with perils that keep the action and suspense at a high pitch.

There are thrills enough to satisfy the most blasé and youngsters and oldsters alike are in for a real entertainment treat when they see this new "Tarzan" film.

FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB

Christmas Meeting

The Christmas Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held on December 26.

The following are the entries for the meet:—
"The Canberra Handicap"
Belinda 155, Bruns 150, Dancing Hall 150, Lucy Giltner 154, Streamline 152, The Gracie 160, Trojan 150.

"The Shing Mun Plate"
Belmont Star, Darien, Glenahoe, Gold Currency, High West, King's Parade, Funch, Racing Pluck, Racing Strain, Slickypast, Winchester Stag.

"The Taipe Handicap"
Esmer 168, Ike 160, Jock Scott 165, Wigan 168.

"The December Country Cup"
Division I
Diogenes 165, Glenahoe 175, Happy Hit 165, High West 165, Jack O'Lantern 175, Mortmain 165, Nebular Star 165, The Minx 165, Wembley Stag 165.

Division II
Darien 165, Ebony Idol 175, Festival Eve 175, Ike 165, Lancashire Loom 165, Lattat 165, Shiky-past 165, Thane 165, The Roundhead 165.

"THREE CHEERS FOR LOVE"

A bright, fast, fun-filled musical, filled with swiftable, singable tunes and featuring some of the most outstanding dance talent of the screen is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre, where "Three Cheers for Love" gives "swing music" its first screen glorification. A gay story with its emphasis on youth, it moves in a tempo built for summer entertainment.

Eleanor Whitney, called the owner of the "fastest feet in the world," and Robert Cummings have leading roles. Also featured are Olympic "Branda" French, dance sensation; Louis DaPrun, speed tapper of the first order, and a cast including William Frawley, Roscoe Karns, John Halliday, Elizabeth Patterson, Grace Bradley, Veda Ann Borg and Billy Lee.

The story deals with Eleanor, fast-stepping daughter of a movie magnate, Halliday, who is sent to a finishing school by the "step-mother, Miss Borg. The school proves a fake, with chorines posing as students and vaudeville actors masquerading as professors, all in order to crash Hollywood. The plot is to get Eleanor to take part in a "school" performance, invite her father to attend, and sell him the idea of buying the acts.

At the "school," Miss Whitney meets Cummings, song-writer posing as a music teacher. They fall in love, and their musical, dancing romance is carried off with refreshing deftness and lightness of touch.

"Three Cheers for Love" introduces a number of songs which moved to the hit classification as soon as the show was released. The ballroom dance staged by Miss Whitney and Cummings in one sequence, the "Swing-Along," is proving a nation-wide sensation. "Three Cheers for Love" is a Paramount Production presented by Adolph Zukor.

"EARTHWORM TRACTORS"

Ever have a tractor rear up and fall over backward on you? Figuratively, Joe E. Brown did. That Joe is still alive to tell the story is due to his friend and director, Raymond Enright. It was for a scene of the comedian's current First National film "Earthworm Tractors," now showing at the King's Theatre. The scene was made on the site of a motor-cycle hill-climb course.

Brown, as the demon salesman Alexander Botts of the William Hazlett-Union stories, was to demonstrate the climbing ability of a tractor. By moving the course up the hillside to the left of the regular hill-climb track, increasing degrees of steepness could be secured right up to the top, a sheer cliff.

"We'll have it as steep as the tractor will climb without falling over backward," and test it first by setting the empty tractor going up the hill with an automatic ignition cut-off on it. Enright declared "That was we won't risk anyone's neck determining the greatest grade we can safely use." The plan worked, and Joe got in the driver's seat, and sent the

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Anniversaries and Holidays—Ember Day: St. Darius.

Cinemas

King's:—"Earthworm Tractors."
Queen's:—"My American Wife."
Central:—"The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine."
Oriental:—"The Ghost Goes West."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Three Cheers For Love."

Majestic:—"The New Adventures Of Tarzan" (First Chapter).
Star:—"Paddy O'Day".
Dances—Health and Strength League fortnightly dance at Hotel Cecil.

Entertainments—"Maid of the Mountains," at Queen's Theatre 9.15 p.m. Matinee, 2.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert at the New Wesleyan Church, Johnston Road, Wanchai, St. Andrew's Writ Club's Christmas Party, 4 p.m.; Kowloon Tong Anglican Church Sunday School Toy Service, Tea Party and Sports Meeting, 3.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Corner Stone Laying of new St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay, by the Bishop of Canton, 3 p.m.

Social—Kowloon Union Church Christmas Congregational Supper, 8 p.m.; Tombola in Garrison Lecture Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Sports

Cricket—First Division, Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Navy (P); Kowloon C.C. v. Army (P); Craigengower C.C. v. Hong Kong Cricket Club (P); Second Division, Club de Recreo v. Indian R.C. (P); Hong Kong C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (P); Diocesan Boys' School v. Civil Service C.C. (P).

Racing—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting (Happy Valley), 2 p.m.

Rugby—Triangular Tournament, Navy v. Club (Club), 4 p.m.; Club "A" XV v. Army (Club), 2.45 p.m.

Shooting—Hong Kong Rifle Association, Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Stonecutters, 2 p.m.

Tennis—Open Ladies' Doubles Final, Miss R. Perry and Mrs. Chiu Ohn-chiu v. Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Litton (U. S. R. C.), 3 p.m.; U. S. R. C. Men's Championship, G. E. R. Divett v. Winner of A. L. Sullivan-Capt. J. D. Milne Match; U. S. R. C. Ladies' Championship, Miss M. Griffiths v. Mrs. Wilson.

Moon—XI Moon, 6th Day. Sunrise—6.57 a.m. Sunset—5.43 p.m.

Tides—High at 1.50 and 22.49; Low at 7.10 and 17.41.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Anniversaries and Holidays—Fourth Sunday in Advent, Prince George, Duke of Kent, born 1902.

Cinemas

King's:—"Secret Interlude."
Queen's:—"My American Wife."
Central:—"The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine."
Oriental:—"The Walking Dead."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Two In A Crowd."
Majestic:—"The New Adventures Of Tarzan" (Final Chapter).
Star:—"The Princess Comes Across."

Entertainments—Carol Concert in University Great Hall, 9 p.m. Miscellaneous—Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, in the West Lounge, 9 p.m.; R.A. Sergeants' Mess, Lynton Barracks, Christmas Draw, 7.45 p.m.

Religious—St. Andrew's Church Carol and Gift Service, 8.15 p.m. Social—Tombola, in Sergeants' Mess, Royal Signals, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.; Welcome to the Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall, at St. John's Cathedral, 4 p.m.; Tombola in the R.A. Sergeants' Station Mess, Gun Club Hill, Chatham Road, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

Sports

Football—Lal. Wah Football Cup, Semi-final, Causeway Bay, 3.15 p.m.

Moon—XI Moon, 7th Day. Sunrise—6.58 a.m. Sunset—5.43 p.m.

Tides—High at 0.20 and 14.35; Low at 7.54 and 18.47.

web-driven machine chugging up the slope. But it was decided to make another scene in which the tractor would travel faster.

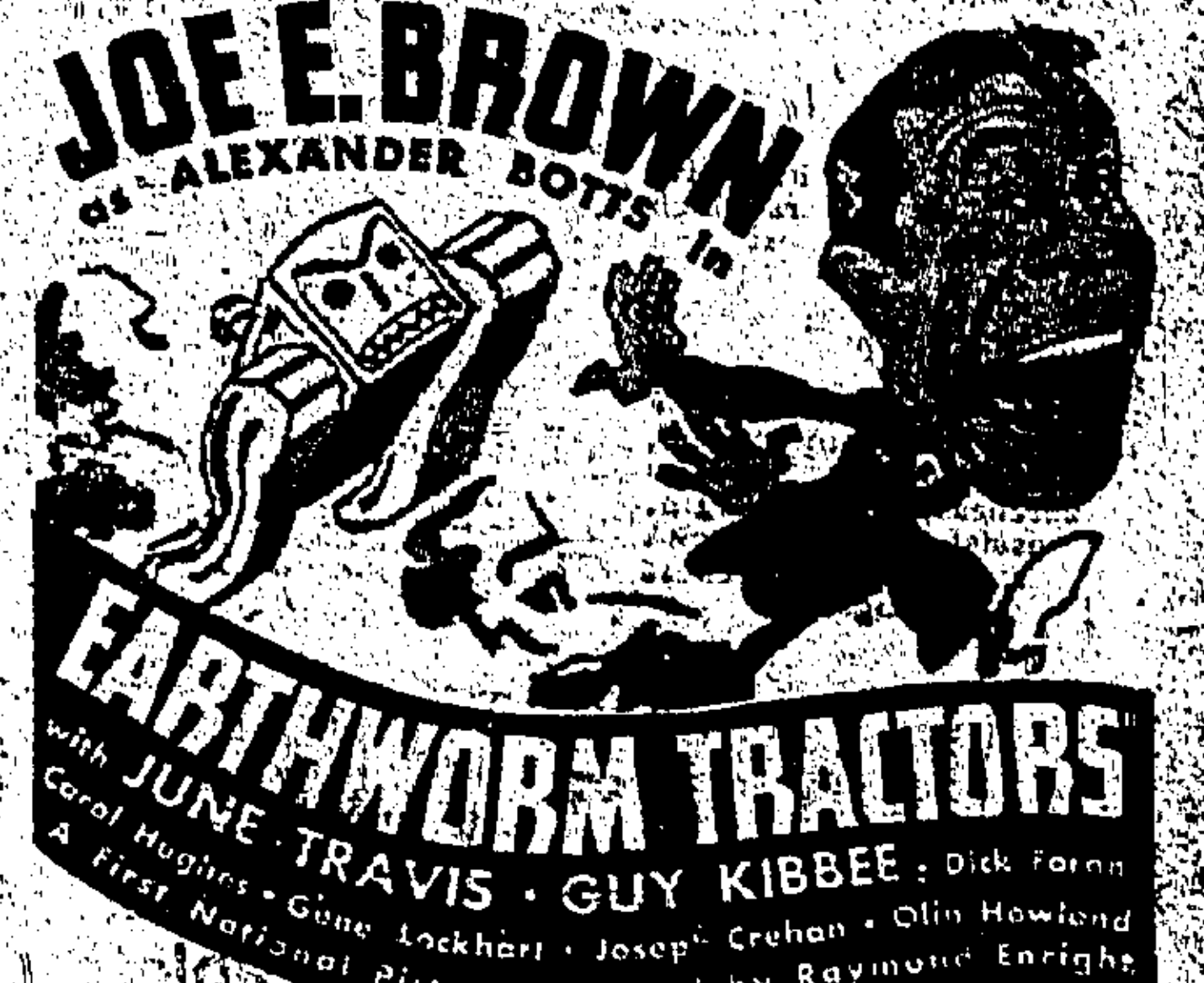
"Hold on!" cried Enright, as Joe was about to shove off. "Try it empty again first. I think if you go faster up there, it'll fall over backward!"

They tried it empty and sure enough, over it went.

"Earthworm Tractors" is Joe E. Brown's latest comedy. Others in the cast include Jude Travis, Guy Kibbee, Dick Foran, Carol Hughes, Gene Lockhart and Olin Howland. The screen play is by Richard Maccauley, Joe Traub and Hugh Cumings.

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TWO IN A CROWD

Half a loaf, according to the sages, is better than none. But one half of a thousand-dollar bill is not worth any more than half a postage stamp. "Two In A Crowd," the romantic comedy drama which opens tomorrow at the Alhambra Theatre, is the rollicking tale of two young moderns who start without even half a loaf. Where they go from that point, and how they finish, is told in the diverting screen story.

The principal characters in this Universal film offering, portrayed by Joan Bennett and Joel McCrea, each find half of a torn thousand-dollar bill. It has been whisked out of a window during the course of a wild New Year's Eve party, where money flies about faster than the wind and wine flows like Niagara.

After the pair find the divided currency, they bring it back to par value by pasting the bank note together. In joining their fortunes, they also interweave their lives. Then they proceed to "get" them-

selves into a maze of tangled situations, madder by the minute. The girl has previously received \$500 from her small town suitor to buy a wedding trousseau. Instead, she spends it for a dramatic course and is ashamed to go back home. Her new boy friend is almost thrown in jail when he tries to cash the bill at the same bank where it had been stolen earlier. To make things more complicated, the bank robbers get on his trail, and things happen at ear-flapping speed.

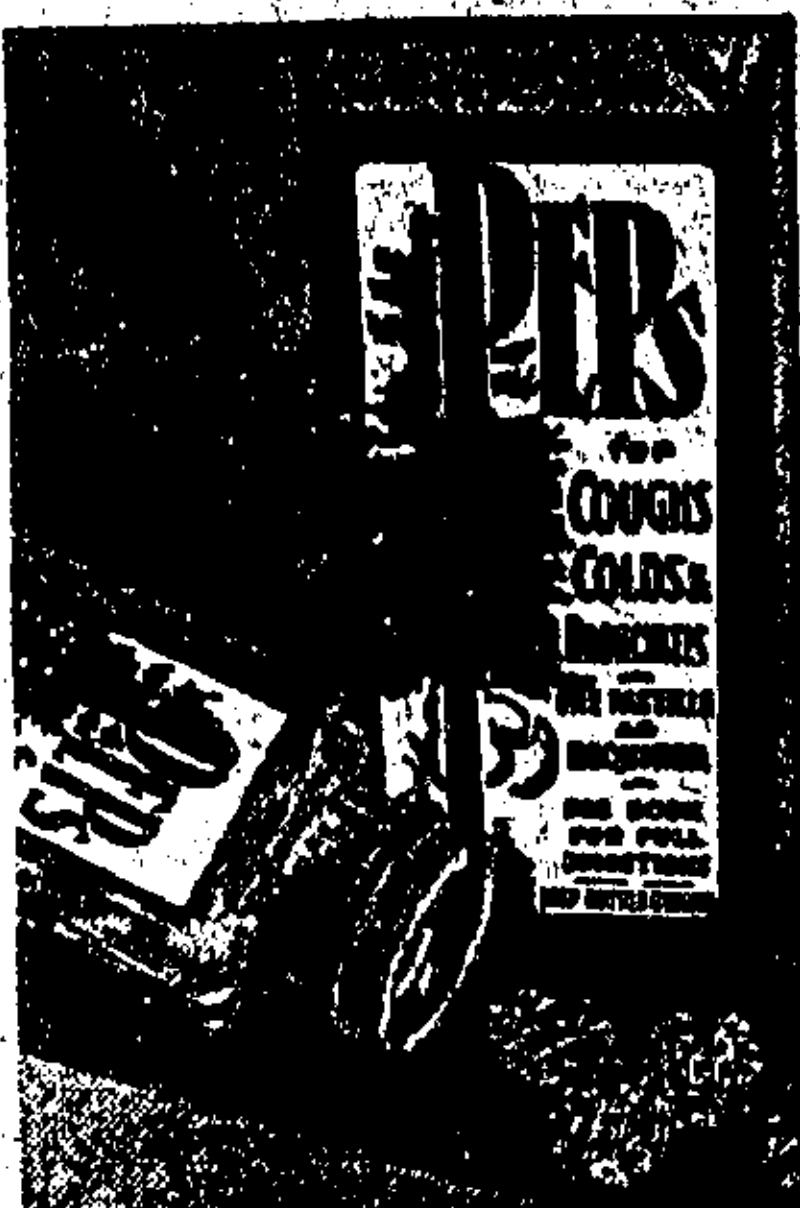
"Two In A Crowd," directed by Alfred E. Green, includes such excellent players as Regis Aronson, Alison Skipworth, Rosalind Denny, Nat Pendleton, Ellena Cook Jr. and Andy Clyde.

"The spine is the bone that runs down my back; one end is to sit on and the other is for my hat." So, according to Major A. G. Oem, organizer of physical education for the L.C.O., a child wrote in an anatomy lesson.

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HEAVY IMPOSITION ON WOMAN Unregistered Mui-Tsai Wins Case

Li Wan-ng, 32, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, charged with keeping an unregistered mui-tsai, Chan Ping, at 27, Shing On Street, ground floor, on December 10.

After Mr. H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, gave the statement, his Worship imposed a fine of \$100 or six weeks hard labour on the defendant.

It was stated that on December 10, the girl disappeared from her employer's residence, and a report was made to the S.C.A. on December 15 by a man who said he was the prospective husband of the girl. Two days later, the girl was found by this man near the Western Market, where he had seen her hanging about the place. It was alleged that the girl ran away because the defendant slapped her for having mislaid a box of medicine, and for seven nights she slept in the streets.

According to the girl, she had been presented by her father to a family when she was a very young girl, for a certain amount of money. She thence worked for this family as a mui-tsai, receiving no wages nor any lucky money. When she was thirteen she was sold to the defendant's family in Swatow, where she remained until a year later when they came to Hong Kong. In Hong Kong she received only 20 cents a year and she had to look after defendant's children.

Some time in November 1935, the girl was betrothed to a man and a sum of \$140 was agreed upon as a marriage dowry. Of this amount, \$40 was deposited with defendant, and she spent this for rice and other household expenses. The defendant's family was formerly well-off, until the husband lost his job. A servant was formerly employed but when the man lost his job, he left them. There were eight children in the defendant's family, four of whom were living with them.

The girl was well-treated by the defendant as regards food and clothing, and no marks of violence were found on her. The girl had expressed a desire to marry her prospective husband and did not wish to return to the defendant's family. His Worship then imposed a fine of \$100 or six weeks' hard labour on the accused.

FOUR RUSSIANS EXPELLED

In Colony. Without
Valid Passport

Mi Hall Ivanovich Shupichenok, 48, Fedar Nikolavich Igosetz, 55, Alexei Vossilevitch Viopochoff, 24, and Irene Marinovna Kostachenko, 48, were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for entering the Colony without a passport on December 13.

An expulsion order was imposed on the defendants.

BOILER MAKER STEALS NOZZLE

Wong Shung, 26, a boiler maker, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for the larceny of a brass boiler steam nozzle, valued at \$5, from the S.S. Glasgow. Inspector O'Connor stated that the defendant had the article strapped around his arm and, when searched, they had to use a chisel to cut it off.

A fine of \$50 or the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment was imposed on the defendant.

YOUTH WITH LOTTERY TICKETS, GAOLED

Fong Ki, 21, of no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for having on his person 112 Po Pui tickets.

Detective Sergeant Hunter said that, acting on information, the police went to Shanghai Street and arrested defendant, and found in his possession the tickets with a value of \$54.

Defendant was fined \$30 or one month in gaol.

POSSESSION OF HEROIN PILLS Alleged Owner Pleads Not Guilty

Po King Cho, 39, of 51, Des Voeux Road, and four women, Lung Ho Ling, 29, Yip Siu-fu, 30, Chan Shi, 40, and Yip Mui, 27, were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with the possession of 48,000 heroin pills. Po was also charged with possession of 87 1/2 ounces of pink mass.

After Po had pleaded not guilty the case was remanded to December 30.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

In the evidence given on the previous day the third defendant said that the heroin pills belonged to the first defendant and that he was in charge of the whole affair.

Continuing, she said: "He engaged me to do his work and paid me \$10 per month. The work was to carry the pills from 194, Tong Choi Street to 51, Des Voeux Road. The first defendant also gave me a cloth in which to wrap the pills. That is when he gives us more than one parcel to carry."

Po said that the rear cubicle belonged to Lau and that he had nothing to do with him.

The third defendant, still giving evidence, said that it was Po who told them where to get customers and where to take the stuff. "When I was employed by Po, I told him that if it was a dangerous job I would not do it. Po stated that he was the one who would get in trouble and not me. It was only a few days after this incident that we were all arrested. The third defendant added that when she was down in the prisoner's dock a few moments ago, Po offered her \$100 if she would change her evidence against him and he was to give them each \$100 if they would all say that he was not the owner of the pills. Third defendant stated that she told Po that if she would get a \$1000 she would not change her statement.

The rest of the defendants gave the corroborate evidence. The first defendant had nothing to say, beyond the fact that the women had a grudge against him, and that they made everything up.

The second defendant, Lung Ho Sing, a widow, aged 29, with no address in Hong Kong, said that the first defendant bought her a Mong Kok ferry ticket, so that it would be cheaper for travelling.

She added that the first time she saw the heroin pills manufactured was on October 15 and that they were there for seven or eight days.

She continued, "I did not know they were heroin pills because the first defendant told me that they were medicine."

Po stated that he did not rent 51, Des Voeux Road till October 29 so there could not have been any heroin pills on the 15th.

ARGENTINE STOWAWAY SENTENCED

To Be Expelled From
Colony

Natalie Kiel, 29, unemployed, of the Argentine, was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning on three charges.

They were for stowing away from Hong Kong to Shanghai on R.M.S. Empress of Japan on December 11; entering the Colony with no passport on December 1; and a breach of registration.

For the first charge the defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment; for the second, an order of expulsion was imposed, and for the last, a fine \$100 or the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

THEFT AT TAKOO DOCK

Wong Wing, 28, a dockyard coolie of no fixed abode, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for the larceny of 20 pounds of lead from Takoo Docks, valued at \$2.50, on December 17.

Mr. Parr stated that it was a very serious offence.

The defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

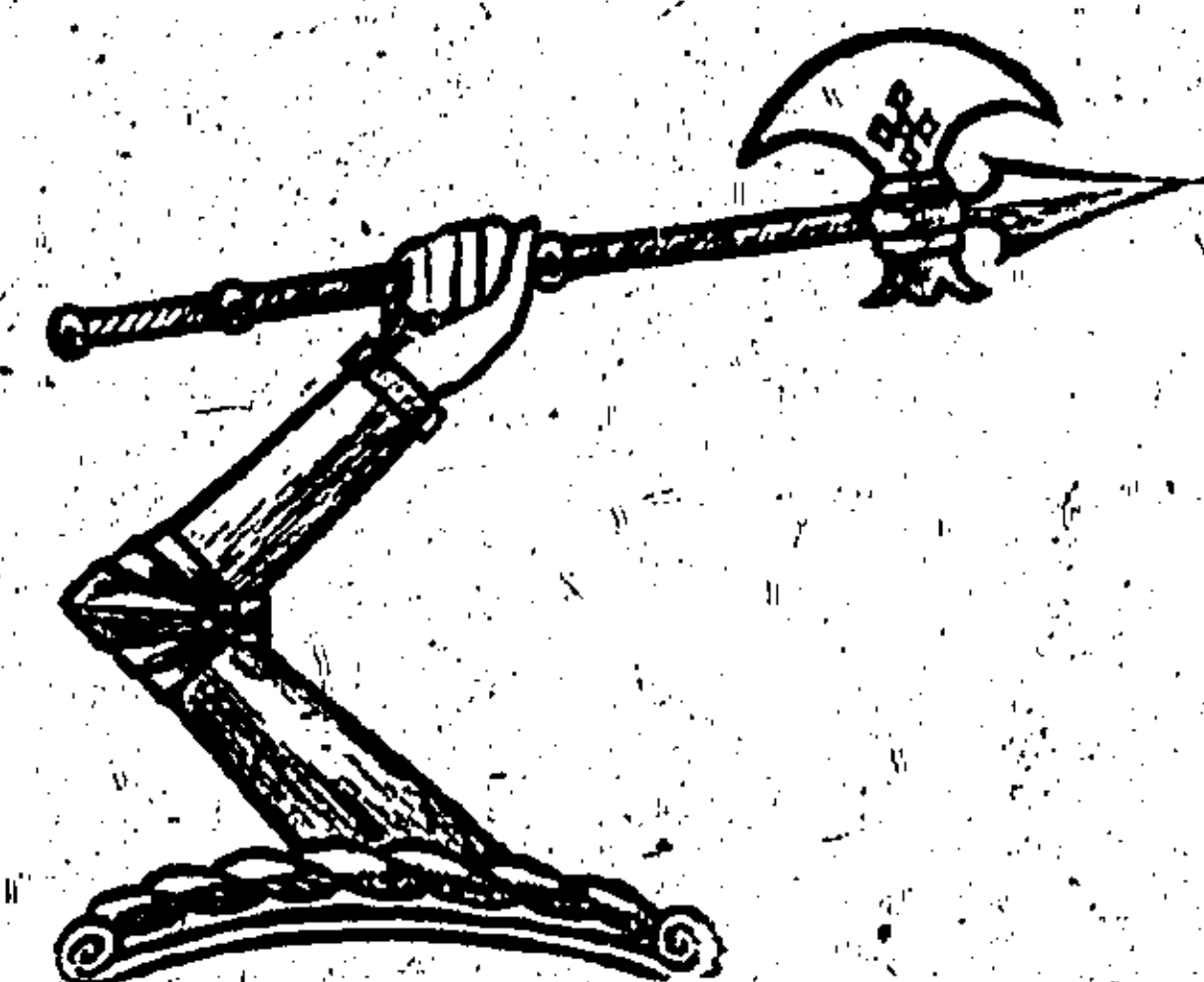
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KEROSENE DISTILLATE TEST CASE ENDS

Chinese Convicted: Nominal Penalty Imposed

WATER-BORNE PETROLEUM IS ILLEGAL OPERATION

The kerosene test case, which has occupied public attention since September 3, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mr. E. H. Himsforth delivered judgment. His Worship found that junk and small traders dealing with water-borne petroleum were engaged in illegal operations, and imposed a fine of \$50 on Lai Yu, defendant in the case.

The Crown won their case against Lai Yu for possession of dangerous goods, but the main contention of the defence—that the Ordinance did not provide for the issue of licences for water-borne dangerous goods—was stated by His Worship to be outside the province of the Police Court. He was informed, however, that the Regulations in issue were being revised and because the defendant who was guilty of an offence today might not be guilty in a short time, he would only impose a nominal fine of \$50.

Lai Yu was charged on September 3 with possession of dangerous goods, namely 270 tons of kerosene distillate and 347 tins of either kerosene or kerosene distillate, found on Lighter 71V at Cheung-shanwan Bay the previous day. Defendant was fined \$150 and the 347 tins were confiscated. Later he was granted a rehearing on the grounds that he had not been legally represented and his offence was a technical one.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for defendant at the rehearing which was also before Mr. Himsforth, and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

THE JUDGMENT

Giving judgment, his Worship said:—

Before proceeding to a discussion of the facts and law in this case I feel that some comment is desirable on one or two matters which have arisen during the course of this hearing. The first is that there have been some fairly broad hints, if not actually suggestions, made by the defence to the effect that the complainant, Mr. Fitz-Henry, in bringing this prosecution was actuated by some improper motive involving a desire to exterminate the small oil traders in Cheung Sha Wan Bay to the advantage of the larger oil companies. I am pleased to note that the suggestions were not pressed further by the counsel for the defence in his concluding address, for I cannot find anything which has arisen in the course of this hearing which could possibly support any allegation that Mr. Fitz-Henry was prompted by any motive, or acted at any time in a capacity other than that demanded by his correct discharge of his duties as a Fire Brigade Officer.

Another aspect calling for comment is that the evidence heard during this case trespasses well outside the boundaries of the present charge. Allegations were made at various stages of the hearing that the whole Ordinance was an anachronism which should have been revised long ago, that the government had deliberately misled the small oil men into a false belief in the lawfulness of their trade, and that the executive has discriminated in the use of its powers in enforcing the lawfulness of their trade, and that executive has discriminated in the use of its powers in enforcing the law. Although I permitted evidence on these points to be called it was because I did not wish (although my fears on this point appear to have been somewhat over-sanguine) to prejudice the defence in any way. It would not, however, be irrelevant to re-iterate what I said during the course of the hearing, that this Court is not sitting as an inquest on the conduct of the government or the executive, but to decide the unlawfulness or otherwise of the acts alleged in the charge.

The defendant is charged with having in his custody or power dangerous goods, to wit, approximately 200 tons of kerosene distillate and 347 tins of kerosene or kerosene distillate, such kerosene or kerosene distillate being products of petroleum on lighter 71V in Cheung Sha Wan Bay on the 2nd of September 1936, without a licence contrary to Sec. 10 (1) of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance 1873. In order for the prosecution to succeed under this charge I think they must prove three points. It must be shown that the defendant had possession

of the goods in question, second that the goods are dangerous goods within the meaning of the Ordinance, and third that such possession of such goods constitutes an unlawful act under this Ordinance.

As regards possession this is admitted by the defence and calls for no further comment.

OIL MADE FROM PETROLEUM

With reference to the second point the defence admit that the oil in question is an oil made from petroleum. Sec. 4 of the Ordinance states that petroleum includes, inter alia, oil made from petroleum and sec. 3 states that the following goods, viz, petroleum—shall be deemed to be dangerous goods within the meaning of the Ordinance, while sec. 2(4) reads "Dangerous Goods" mean any of the goods or substances specified in sec. 3 or 4 of the Ordinance. Counsel for the defence, however, argued that even if the oil Exhibit "D" is an oil made from petroleum it is not kerosene and/or kerosene distillate as stated in the charge. In view of sec. 21 of the Magistrates' Ordinance which permits the magistrate to adjudicate upon the substantial merits and facts of the case as proved before him, unless the party summoned has been misled or deceived, I do not think that the question of whether the oil is or is not kerosene and/or kerosene distillate is of primary importance. But the question is worthy of consideration, in order to decide whether the defendant was deceived or misled.

SINGULARLY VAGUE PHRASE

From the evidence I have heard the term kerosene appears to be a singularly vague phrase used to denote a certain petroleum fraction, but lacking precise definition because it is used differently in different localities. It has no scientific formula and in its modern form appears to be a word of American origin; the term paraffin being usually preferred in England. Nor are the authorities produced in evidence in agreement. Thus Kalichovsky and Stegner in their book "Chemical Refining of Petroleum" state that the distillation range of Kerosene is 149 deg. Centigrade—316 deg. Centigrade and that the flash point is not less than 73 deg. Fahrenheit, but do not give a maximum flash point.

The Engineers' Year Book 1936 states that the distillation range is "generally between 150 deg. Centigrade and 300 deg. Centigrade (I.P.T.)" Cameron in his book "Chemistry in relation to Fire Risk and Fire Extinction" states that the distillation range of Kerosene is approximately 150 deg. Centigrade—230 deg. Centigrade has (as known in England) a flash point above 73 deg. Fahrenheit; usually between this figure and 85 deg. Fahrenheit. Moore in his book "Liquid Fuels" places the distillation range from 150 deg. Centigrade—300 deg. Centigrade and the flash point at 100 deg. Fahrenheit and above. In a book published by the American Society for Testing Materials called the "Significance of Tests of Petroleum Products" it is argued that the "NORMAL" close cup flash point range for kerosene is 100°F.—180 deg. Fahrenheit. The chief point which emerges from this survey of the authorities is the wide discrepancies which exist in regard to the flash points and the comparative agreement on the subject of distillation range. According to the certificate submitted by the government analyst the flash point of the oil was 177 deg. Fahrenheit—180 deg. Fahrenheit outside the ranges mentioned above and the distillation range was 208 deg. Centigrade—279 deg. Centigrade.

NOT KEROSENE

Witnesses in evidence were equally undecided: the government analyst refused to refer to the oil as kerosene. Mr. Fitz-Henry thought it was, while Mr. Brayfield was sure it was not. All agreed that the term kerosene

PROMISE SAILS FOR SWATOW

RAN AGROUND ON TUESDAY

The Norwegian steamer Promise which ran aground at So Tun Pan, near Castle Peak, on Tuesday night whilst on her way from Canton to Swatow with a cargo of coal, was successfully floated and early yesterday morning was towed into the harbour.

Considerable curiosity was aroused by ferry travellers yesterday morning when the vessel was seen to be apparently pumping water out of her holds. Enquiries made at the offices of Messrs. Karsten Larsen, agents for the ship's owners, revealed the fact that the ship was not in the least damaged by her grounding.

The Promise left for Swatow late yesterday morning.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

St. John's Ambulance

The Director of Ambulance has the honour to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the receipt of the following donations:—

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Per Mr. Chan Ping Kwong 81.57

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We hope that many will think of the Street Sleepers especially at this festive season, and give a "Xmas Present" to the funds.

Donations may be sent to The Editor "South China Morning Post" or to Mr. Andrew Cheung, 9 Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong, or to Miss R. Mow Fung, c/o Gilman & Co., Ltd.

R.E.O.C.A. FUNCTION

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades association have great pleasure in announcing that they will hold a Carnival Dance in the Peninsula Hotel, on Saturday, December 26. (Boxing night).

Music will be from the Band of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (by kind permission of Major L.A.A. Alston, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers).

Dancing will be in both the Rose Room and the Roof Garden and will be from 8.45 p.m. until 2.00 a.m.

Fancy Dress will be optional, and prizes will be given for costumes showing originality. Dress for those not in fancy dress will be optional.

WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings are announced between Mariano Maria de Silva, clerk, residing at 6 Granville Road, and Celeste Aurelia Osmond, saleswoman, 29 Jordan Road; and Hugo Marcus dos Remedios and Alda Maria de Lourdes Brito, of 33, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

was a trade name but it was never suggested by the defence as to what the oil might be if it was not kerosene. I think that the witness for the defence, Mr. Brayfield, dealt with the problem on common sense lines and called this oil by the name taken from the import certificate—namely kerosene distillate. I think the prosecution was justified in adopting the same procedure, and I cannot believe that the defendant can have been deceived or misled when he received the summons.

There remains the third point, namely that the possession of this (Continued on Page 10)

ASIA LANDS LIMITED

Annual General Meeting

The fifth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Asia Lands Limited was held yesterday afternoon in the board-room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, when it was revealed that the result for the year had been far from satisfactory but then the future was optimistic.

The following were present:—Messrs. Lawrence Kadoorie (chairman), J. C. A. Fleming, G. Miskin and Li Chor-chi.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the Meeting and the auditors' report, the chairman addressed the Meeting as follows:—

With your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take the Report and Statement of Accounts as read.

BRIGHTER FUTURE

The result for the year has been far from satisfactory, as there has been no great demand for the Company's wharves, its main source of income; recently there has been an encouraging resumption of interest and we have had several enquiries, which lead us to hope for a brighter outlook in future.

It has been the policy of your Directors always to provide for possible losses, but I am glad to say that they have been proved overcautious for they have been successful, during the past year, in recovering a very large part of a debt previously considered doubtful, with the result that \$22,000.00 has been released from Doubtful Debts Reserve.

The depressed state of Trade during the past two years has not only affected the Company's rentals but has resulted in great difficulty being experienced in collection of accounts overdue; we trust, by giving the debtors concerned extended credit, ultimately to recover certain debts which are now reserved for in full.

RESERVES ELIMINATED

In order to simplify the statement placed before you the Board has eliminated all reserves, that were not held for a specific purpose, by utilising them to write down the Investment, which has also been affected by present adverse trade, and the Real Estate which is now, we regret to state, overvalued compared with its cost when purchased, when both shipping and property were being operated under much happier conditions.

Since the close of the year under review Mr. G. W. Greene, who has been the operating agent of the Company for the past year and has been connected with it almost since its inception, has accepted a position in Manila and your Directors have appointed Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews to act in his stead in the same capacity as they have long been, conversant with its affairs.

REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

With these remarks I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions the shareholders may wish to raise.

Mr. Miskin having seconded, the chairman then continued:—

There being no questions, I put the motion proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Miskin that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted.

The Report and Statement of Accounts was unanimously adopted.

DIRECTORS APPOINTED

Mr. Li Chor-chi, proposed that the appointment of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie be confirmed and that Messrs. Miskin and Ko Leong Hoe be reappointed to the Board.

The proposal was duly carried. The final business of this Meeting was the appointment of auditors and Messrs. Percy Smith, Beth & Fleming, Incorporated, Accountants, were invited to fill the vacancy.

In closing the meeting the chairman said: "I thank you for your attendance, this afternoon to carry out the statutory requirements of this Meeting."

COLONY'S HEALTH

There were four cases of diphtheria and one of enteric fever notified to the Health Authorities during the 24 hours ending December 17.

THE FUTURE OF THE STATE

Manuk Lodge Lecture

A lecture that was feeling, dramatic and timely was that given by Mr. John Russell last Thursday at Manuk Lodge, Hong Kong Club Annex.

"I have come to-night," he began, "to give you my idea of the Future of the State. I would like to remind you, however, that I am no prophet, not even an H. G. Wells and I can only give you the results of thought on the part of an ordinary reasoning mind."

During the past season," continued the speaker, "we had heard a series of lectures illustrating the Plan of Evolution, as it exists in the Mind of God, in many of its phases. Now it would be shown that a plan of evolution existed for the State as well as for different forms of government. This progression and evolution could be shown well by a comparison of the past, present and future."

The past for the common man, as we know it from orthodox history must have been one of simple, hard-working and spacious days. Agriculture was then the predominant factor and all life centred around it. Their religion would be chiefly coloured by an idea of the Supreme Being as primarily concerned with the fertility of their fields. Their education was one of mouth to mouth and from hearsay; the occasional man who could read or use his mind for philosophic thinking being regarded as something of a marvel.

Government, of course, could not be trusted in such untutored hands and the State was usually one of farmers overlorded by autocratic heads.

Gradually there came industrialization, as farmers commenced to sell surplus produce and then as they took to methods of hastening, increasing and bettering of crops and production. This industrialization accelerated in geometric progression as came steam, gas and electricity in rapid succession to herald in this present age with speed.

For speed is the keynote of modern times. Everything is done in the greatest of hurry. Men boast of the miles they have travelled in a certain short space of time and give no heed as to that over which they have travelled. They allow no time for assimilation but rush headlong to complete another task in still less time.

Consequently there is now a tremendous accumulation of every conceivable product resulting in chaotic congestion. Invention, knowledge, crops, machines, goods exist in abundance but are disgracefully distributed. Some have much, others have nothing and fantastic wealth exists side by side with abject poverty.

The earth is now in pain. For as many countries there are as many different types of government, and again each country changes its government several times. There are factions and on all sides there is an ominous preparation for war. The world is in travail and out of its labours will come a re birth, if all that is noble on the earth.

True communism, not the present political and aggressive communism, will peacefully unfold from present political systems. Social sense, law and order will grow in the breasts of future citizens. Tolerance, open-mindedness and brotherliness will produce a state which will not see fit to impose rules and regulations on their nationals. For future citizens will see themselves as units in their smooth-going, orderly and even beautiful machine and will co-operate to their fullest extent accordingly.

Mr. Russell true to nationality quoted Robert Burns' inspired passage:—

"When man to man the world o'er"

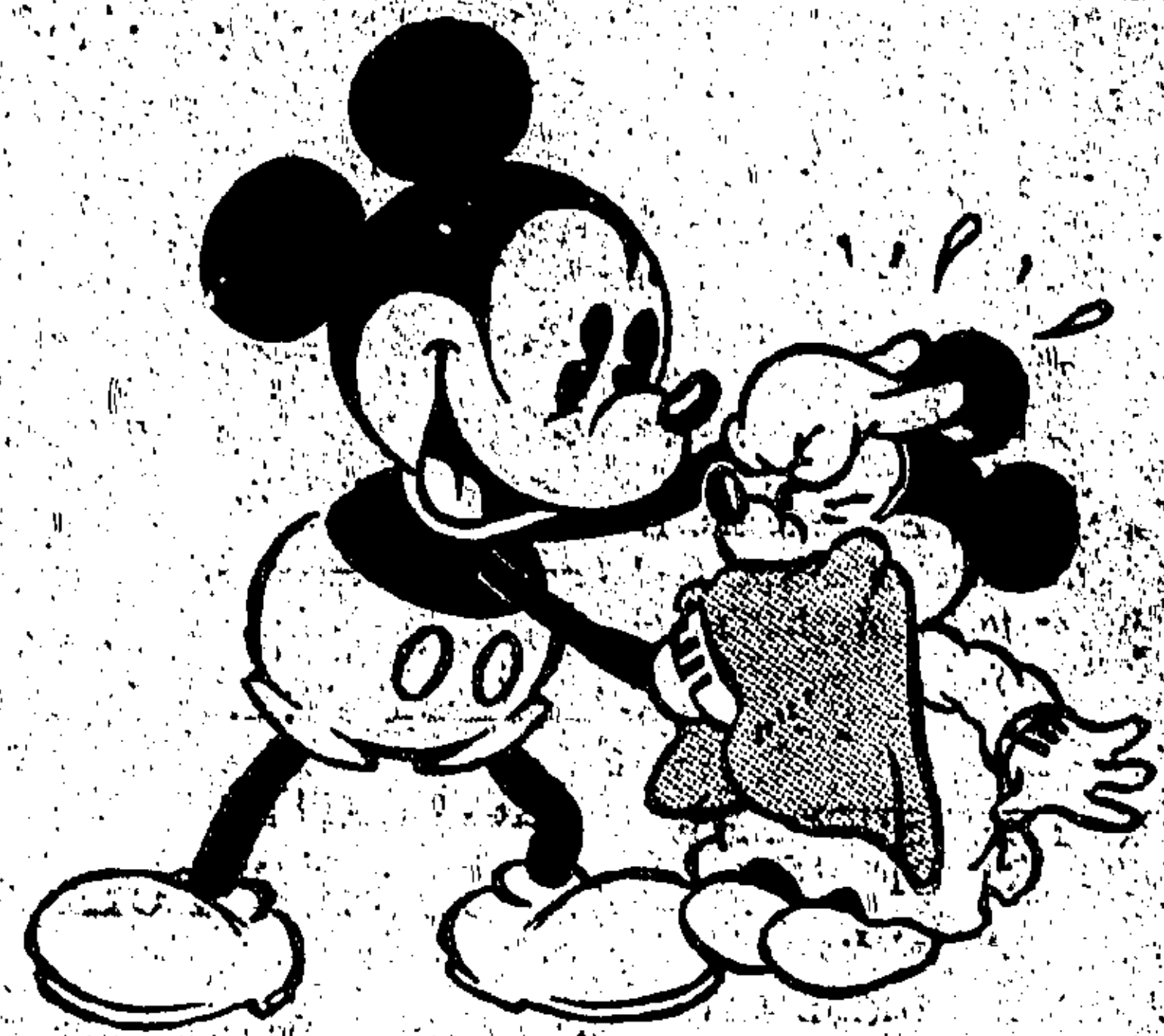
Shall brothers be

In conclusion he said: "And where happiness shall be the fruits of our labour and peace the watchword is where lies my ideal of the future state."

Mrs. O. M. Parkinson, President of the Lodge, bade the audience a Merry Christmas on behalf of the local Theosophical Society. The next lecture takes place on January 7th, 1937.

R.M.A. DORADO

The plane, Dorado, arrived from Peking yesterday with 40 freight and 113.644 kilos of mail. She carried no passengers on the trip.



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ACTION NO. 184 OF 1936.

The Cellular Clothing Company, Limited

The Hariram Silk Store

UNDERTAKING.

Pursuant to directions given by the Court in the above action 1, Kaumal Hariram, the proprietor of the above named Defendant firm hereby undertake not to use the word "AERTEX" as descriptive of or in connection with any clothing manufactured by my firm or any clothing, not being of the Plaintiffs' manufacture, sold or offered for sale by my firm.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1936.

WITNESS to the signature of the said Kaumal Hariram—

Sd. E.S.C. BROOKS, HASTINGS & CO., Plaintiffs' Solicitors.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 19th December, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1936.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of Dec., 1936, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Chuk Lo in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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HONG KONG, DECEMBER 19, 1936.

BRITAIN'S PEACE POLICY

For the second time within the last fortnight, Mr. Eden has given practical illustration of his sincere conviction that one of the greatest services the British Government can render to the cause of Peace is clear, unambiguous statement of intention. At Leamington the other night he defined the circumstances, unconditional and conditional, in which the arms of Great Britain might be used. "They may," he said, "and, if the occasion arose, they would be used in the defence of France and Belgium against unprovoked aggression in accordance with our existing obligations."

A few days ago in London he took the opportunity of an International Chamber of Commerce gathering, at which the Belgian Prime Minister was the principal guest, to declare in sentences which will leave the lasting mark that was intended in the Chamber of Europe that the independence and integrity of Belgium is "a vital interest to this nation and that Belgium can count upon our aid were she ever the victim of unprovoked aggression." No ambiguity there.

No less can Great Britain count on Belgium. "For all contributions for peace," said M. van Zeeland, "for better, for worse, you can count on us. That's how it is between Great Britain and Belgium." This is the language of inalienable truth. It corresponds to facts, to material interests, to moral duties. If this was an imperative obligation while the intervening sea was still a strong and sure defence, it is doubly imperative when that defence has lost so much of its potency. No country in the world has a greater interest in peace than Belgium; but none is more determined to protect its independence and the integrity of its soil. "Our duty," said M. van Zeeland, "is to dissuade anyone from the temptation to attack us or to use our soil as a short cut."

While there is nothing new in the spirit of these mutual assurances, the manner in which they have found expression, and still more the political circumstances of the hour to which they make their impressive contribution, invest them with special significance.

Knowing what we do of the extremely tangled situations from which the occasions of war usually arise, it has been the general practice of all parties in this country to eschew commitments which would automatically bind us to take part. We reserve, that is to say, a certain freedom of action in almost all our undertakings. But the case of unprovoked aggression against Belgium is an outstanding exception to this rule, and few will need to be reminded that it was only the violation of Belgian soil which swept a virtually unanimous Great Britain into the Great War.

There has been endless argument as to whether, if Sir Edward Grey had spoken out as plainly as Mr. Eden spoke yesterday, Germany would have chosen the war plan which necessitated her armies hacking their way through Belgium. No one can say. But, at any rate, Great Britain did not speak out, and the War Chiefs in Berlin made their fatal choice under illusions as to Britain's fidelity to her pledges.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OF KWANGTUNG

\$2,000,000 To Be Raised

REHABILITATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HAINAN ISLAND

Canton.

A Kwangtung Provincial Economic Conference will be convened in the near future by the Kwangtung Provincial Government to discuss problems relating to economic development in the province, according to a decision reached at a recent meeting between Mr. T. V. Soong, member of the standing committee of the National Economic Council, and Kwangtung financial authorities.

Among those to be invited to the conference, it was decided, will be managers of various government and private banks, chairmen of various commercial and industrial associations, and financial and economic experts.

While detailed measures have yet to be worked out in the forthcoming conference, general principles for rural rehabilitation and exploitation of Hainan Island are understood to have been agreed upon between Mr. Soong and Kwangtung financial authorities during their recent discussions.

For rural rehabilitation it has been planned that the government banks in Kwangtung, including the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Kwangtung Provincial Bank and the Canton Municipal Bank, will be instructed to extend credit loans to the farmers at low interests.

For the development of Hainan Island a Hainan Industrial Co-operative Society will be organised with a capital of \$2,000,000, which will be raised from commercial and overseas interests. During the first stage of development emphasis will be placed on the improvement of communication facilities, the promotion of animal husbandry and the planting of rubber trees, sugar-canes, and other tropical plants.

With regard to economic development in Kwangtung it is learned that this was thoroughly discussed between General Li Tung-jen, General Pao Chung-hai, General Huang Shu-chu, and Mr. Soong during the latter's visit to Kwelling, new Kwangtung capital, while details of their discussions have not been divulged, it is understood that the establishment of a branch office of the National Economic Council in Kwangtung to centralize economic reconstruction in the province has been agreed upon. General Huang Shu-chu and Mr. Sung Yun-chang, Kwangtung Reconstruction Commissioner, will probably be appointed director and chief secretary of the branch office respectively in a concurrent capacity.

Central News Agency.

FACTORIES BILL

London, Dec. 17.

The Home Secretary informed the House of Commons that he hoped to introduce the Factories Bill shortly after Christmas.

British Wireless.

sen the war plan which necessitated her armies hacking their way through Belgium. No one can say. But, at any rate, Great Britain did not speak out, and the War Chiefs in Berlin made their fatal choice under illusions as to Britain's fidelity to her pledges.

The defence of Belgium against aggression is now plainly declared to be a first principle of British foreign policy. We are sometimes told by Continental statesmen that Realism is the only atmosphere in which the rulers of modern States can frame and carry out their policies. This country can be realist, too, when need be, and we have no doubt that this perfectly frank, perfectly sincere declaration of British policy will be accepted throughout Western Europe as a solid contribution to Peace.

TOOK THE BLAME FOR 35 YEARS

Death Of Brig-Gen. "Bobby White"

A JAMESON RAID ECHO

Brigadier-Gen. the Hon. Robert White—"Bobby White" of the Jameson Raid—has died at Hove, Sussex, at the age of 75.

He will be remembered for his chivalry as much as his bravery.

When Jameson's force, which had marched into the Transvaal from Mafeking, in support of the projected Johannesburg rising, was forced to surrender at Doornkop, the Boers secured possession of a dispatch box bearing on it the name Capt. R. White.

The contents of "White's box," as it was known, incriminated the leaders of the Johannesburg revolt and revealed their plans.

BLAMED ON ALL SIDES

With other prisoners of the Raid, the Hon. R. White was sent to England for trial and sentenced to seven months' imprisonment.

On all sides he was blamed for taking such dangerous evidence into action, and he made no reply. To have replied would have been to give away a friend.

His silence had lasted 35 years when Colonel H. Marshall Role, the author of a book on the Raid, disclosed that Sir John Willoughby had himself packed the dispatch box with the code-book and documents, and ordered it to be placed in a squadron cart.

Colonel J. B. C. Stacey Clitheroe, who was acting as Staff Officer in Captain White's absence, objected. "Sir John Willoughby said, however, that he should want the box when he got to Johannesburg."

"If we don't get through we shall all be shot, so what does it matter," he added.

"I AM GRATIFIED"

Even in January, 1931, when this fact became known, Brigadier-General White refused to discuss the affair.

All he would say was, "The truth is out at last. I am gratified." Brigadier-General White served on the staff in the South African War. He was at the relief of Kimberley and the occupation of Bloemfontein and Pretoria.

In 1914 he was working on the Stock Exchange when the Great War broke out.

He was given command of the 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, generally known as the "Bankers' Battalion." With that battalion, which he had raised, he served until he was given a brigade in 1916.

He was twice wounded—the second time in the Battle of Amiens—and was six times mentioned in dispatches.

He was a bachelor, a great walker, a great gardener, and a non-smoker.

BALLET DANCER PASSES

Victim Of Rare Disease

Adelaide, Dec. 12.

Mira Dimina, a well-known dancer of the Monte Carlo Russian ballet, died here to-day at the age of 22 from the rare disease of leucocythaemia.

She was taken ill only a month ago, when she left the stage in tears after dancing in "Les Sylphides." Her mother was summoned from America, and was due to arrive here on December 21.

Mira, whose real name was Madeline Parker, was a leading member of Colonel de Bad's original Russian Ballet Company. "Leucocythaemia" is a disease of the blood, in which the white corpuscles develop to an excessive amount. The causes of the disease are unknown.

ENGLAND'S COMING MAN

Diplomat In The Making

Captain Anthony Eden, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in His British Majesty's Government and Lord Privy Seal, has become a focal point of political interest. London regards Anthony Eden as the most promising of the younger British politicians.

Product of country aristocracy, Eton, Oxford, a good regiment, Whitehall and Mayfair, he might have been as handsome and colourful as a tailor's dummy. But people who took him for a decorative dilettante were wrong. Eden is the perfect gentleman, indeed but with a difference; he has brains.

He joined up in the Great War at the age of eighteen, emerging a captain and wearing the Military Cross. He and Hitler discovered in Berlin that they had faced each other on the same segment of the battlefield. At Oxford he showed his talent for the unusual by taking First Class Honours in Oriental Languages. He still speaks perfect Persian and quoted from the Koran when he met the Arabian ambassador at dinner.

In 1924 he took his place among the Conservative benches in the House of Commons. From January, 1925, until the MacDonald Labour Government came into power four years later, Eden worked as parliamentary private secretary to Sir Austen Chamberlain. This post enabled the accomplished young student of politics to see the Locarno Treaty being built by the men who made it. He heard all the Foreign Secretary's telephone calls, wrote dispatches, and generally made himself Chamberlain's right-hand man at the green tables of European diplomatic conferences.

The discriminating among outsiders first grasped his quality when, in 1929, he spoke in defence of the Anglo-French naval compromise. His speech, delivered extemporaneously, was one of the most trenchant and subtle expositions of a difficult subject that the Commons had ever heard from so young a member.

People began to note his charm when, last year, he reported on a mission of investigation in Berlin. Plenty of young men have Eden's background; a good many have his tact and charm; a few may be as smart. What else accounts for his meteoric and precocious rise? For one thing, he has an infinite capacity to make people like him. He is one of those perfectly balanced men, honest and disinterested, whom it is almost impossible to dislike. Among journalists at Geneva, he was called "Lord Evelyn," not in derision, but as a compliment to his charm and his sartorial "savoir faire," and he is the most popular Englishman ever to come to the League. In the Foreign Office, which adores him, no one ever thinks of calling him anything but "Anthony."

Eden is pro-League and pro-peace, and his personal instincts are on the French side, not the German—in fact, the whole set of his mind, culturally, is Gallic. He collects the French classics of the 16th and 17th centuries, the delicate early French etchings, while at Oxford, for choice, he read Proust, Rimbaud, and Verlaine. But, just as he is not an idle aesthete, so Eden is not a pure pacifist. He falls into a rage when one calls him that. He loves peace, but he will not abandon this peace to its own resources. He wants to work for it and, if necessary, fight for it.

He wants peace not only between nations but within the nation. He believes that the workers should be assured the fruits of their labour. One of his favourite sayings is that, unless every worker is a capitalist, it is no wonder that he becomes an enemy of capitalism.

Eden does not devote all his activities to politics. He likes to retire to his home and the company of his wife and his two boys, of which the older now goes to school. He likes to discuss the newest work of French and English literature and he also interests himself in selecting wines and food. In France they call him the best-dressed Englishman, but in England he is known as the most accomplished connoisseur. And, if he is not spending the week-end flying to Paris, Berlin, or Moscow, he plays tennis at the Ranelagh Club. His life represents the compromise that a modern Englishman of the upper

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

(ORDERS BY LT.-COL. R. C. B. ANDERSON, M.C. COMMANDANT HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS)

GENERAL HOLIDAYS

Corps H.Q. will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Friday and Saturday (December 25 and 26).

CORPS ORDERS

In view of the above holidays Corps Orders will be issued on Thursday, 24th instant and O.C. Units are requested to forward their orders on Wednesday, 23rd or not later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 24.

HEADQUARTERS STORES

The Quartermaster's Stores at Volunteer Headquarters will be closed from January 1 to 4, 1937 for Annual Stock Taking.

RIFLES & BAYONETS

All rifles and bayonets must be returned to Store before December 21.

BOX RESPIRATORS

All box respirators must be returned to Company Stores before December 21.

PARADE

1st Battery

"A" Section: Next parade will be at Belchers on Thursday, January 14, 1937 at 6 p.m.

"L" Section: Next parade will be at Belchers on Friday, January 8, 1937 at 5.45 p.m.

"M" Section: There will be no parade on Wednesday, December 23.

Corps Engineers

Monday, December 21. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. Lecture on D.E. Lights.

Corps Signals

No. 1 Signal Class will parade at Command Signal Office at 5.25 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22.

Machine Gun Troop

There will be no parade on Tuesday, December 22.

Armoured Car Section: Section will parade at H.Q. on Tuesday, December 22 at 5.30 p.m. for Mechanical and Driving Instruction. All ranks are requested to attend at H.Q. on this evening in order to sign Camp pay sheets, which must be signed on this date.

Motor M.G. Section

Parade at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December 21.

1st Year Men—C Class: M.G. Instruction, Indication, and Recognition.

"B" Class: M.G. Instruction—Application of Fire—Direct.

Camp Pay: Payment will be made at H.Q. on Monday, 21st instant at 6.30 p.m. All those who attended Camp are particularly requested to attend in order that the pay sheets

may be returned to H.Q. at an early date.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company: There will be no parade on Friday, December 25.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company: Sunday, December 20: Firing of Part II M.G.O. at Stonecutters. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Pier at 8.30 a.m.

Range Officer: Lt. T. P. Saunders.

There will be no parade on Thursday, 24th and Thursday 31st, December.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company: The following will fire Rifle Course Table "B" at the Peak Range on Sunday, December 20. C.Q.M.S. Fincher, Ptes. Abbas, Y. M. Chong, Shroff, Spencer, L/Cpl. N. Broadbridge, Ptes. Becker, Mann, Silva, Sprinkle.

Rendezvous at Lower Peak Tram Station at 8.45 a.m.

Dress: Optional but Webbing must be worn when firing.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. Urquhart. There will be no further parades until Monday, January 11, 1937.

M.G. Bn. Signals: Subsections A, B and C: There will be no further parades at H.Q. until Wednesday, January 13, 1937.

Subsection D: There will be no further parades until Friday, January 15, 1937.

Corps Infantry: Parade on Tuesday, December 22, 1936 at 5.30 p.m. sharp at H.Q. Details as per last week.

Camp Pay: All members of Corps Infantry who attended Camp must draw their Camp Pay on the 22nd instant.

Air Arm: There will be no parades after the examination on Friday, December 18, until further notice.

LEAVE: No. 2484, Tpr. J. K. R. Macgregor, M.G. Troop, is granted one month's leave from 15.12.36 to 14.1.37.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH: Leaving the Colony: No. 2323, Pte. C. A. Mattos, Corps Infantry, No. 12 Platoon, W.I. 18.12.36.

No. 2337, Pte. R. Kennedy, Reserve Section A, W.I. 18.12.36.

STRENGTH: No. 2727, Gunner P. C. Walsh, D. Gestetner, Ltd., 1st Battery, A.Sec. 17.12.36.

(Sgd.) G. S. FRIZELA, E. Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

THE ROLE OF CHANCE

A SPANISH GUEST

One day recently, while Sir Thomas Inskip was accounting to the House of Commons and the hunger marchers were crowding the corridors, a distinguished Spaniard was holding forth to a group of M.P.s upstairs. Senior Eduardo Ortega y Gasset looks something like the portraits of Oscar Wilde, and, if one can accept the improbable, not unlike a retired tereadero. He is a brother of Jose Ortega y Gasset, whose gifts as a philosopher are more admired than imitated in Spain. Eduardo is Doyen of the College of Lawyers in Madrid, and after being a Minister in several of King Alfonso's Governments he became a member of the first Cortes and was appointed Civil Governor of the Republic in 1931.

As a propagandist for the Government in this country he suffers from the disability of being unable to speak English. It is only fair to say, however, that he speaks Spanish with a fluency that must be the despair of the shorthand writers of Spain. In the midst of his recital of horrors, which was fairly put, he recalled an incident which caused a considerable sensation in Madrid when it happened.

Just before the outbreak of the Civil War his wife was sent a basket of eggs as a present. The humorous mind might wonder at the strangeness of such a gift, but concealed beneath the eggs was a time bomb. His wife, suspicious of the weight of the basket, discovered the bomb and with admirable presence of mind threw a mattress over it to deaden the explosion, thereby saving her own life and those of several other people in the building. Senior Gasset described this incident merely as one of the many which served as a prologue to the outbreak of war.

The day after his appearance at Westminster he left for Barcelona, where his wife is looking after 20 children sent from Madrid. He is a plucky man whose feet are taking him in dangerous places.

**MADRID FRONT
ACTIVITY****Rebels Launch Big
Offensive**

Madrid, Dec. 17. Strong pressure by insurgent forces has been exerted in all sectors of the Madrid front for the past 24 hours, according to a Defence Committee communiqué. The loyalist headquarters believes this big offensive has been launched in order to occupy as many Government troops as possible while the insurgent attacks continue around Boadilla del Monte.

Although the rebels, in an official announcement, told of the capture of Boadilla and the penetration of the Government lines beyond it yesterday, the Government still maintains that its army presents an impenetrable front.

Moreover, says the Defence Committee, five of the raiding rebel planes were brought down yesterday, but not a single Government machine was lost.—*Reuter.*

**CIVIL POPULATION
OF MADRID****Appeal For Assistance
In Evacuation**

London, Dec. 18. An urgent appeal for an international effort to assist the civilian evacuation of Madrid, reinforced by harrowing details of the city's plight, is contained in the report of the all-Party Deputation from the British House of Commons which recently visited Madrid, and investigated the situation there.

By December 1, it is estimated, between one third and one quarter of the houses of the capital of Spain had been destroyed.

The report praises the morale of the civil population and the courage of the Government forces.

Innumerable families are destitute, without even bedding. There is a serious shortage of food and fuel. Many thousands depend for life upon the one meal a day supplied them. And the city is in imminent danger of epidemics.

The report records that M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, has offered all possible co-operation in humane work.

The report adds it would be a great benefit if this agreement were spread further, so the nations who boast that they alone are disciplined may realise that democracy, in the long run, may be able to speak as solidly.—*Reuter.*

**MOSCOW ANNOYED
WITH RUMANIA****Honour Bestowed On
'White Russian'**

Moscow, Dec. 17. Considerable indignation and criticism was occasioned here by the announcement that the Rumanian government has conferred an order on the former minister of the Imperial Russian government in Bucharest, Peklowsky-Kornitz, "Pravda" is declaring. Whereas Peklowsky-Kornitz is officially in Bucharest as a representative of the League of Nations Committee for questions concerning refugees he is in reality in the service of White-Russian terrorist organisations, and with the support and patronage of influential Rumanian personalities carries on his anti-Soviet campaign in order to weaken the relations between the two countries.

The paper declares that this act on the part of the Rumanian government is not in keeping with the Rumanian assurances of the desire to maintain harmonious and friendly relations. Many were sceptical when Tataru declared, upon assuming the head of the government, that the foreign policy as regards Russia would be unchanged, and the present act substantiates them. The paper expresses fear that this act will encourage and inspire those elements in Rumania who, "financed by Fascist agents," carry on an anti-Soviet campaign in the Balkans.

The reappearance of Peklowsky-Kornitz in the limelight will recall to many his important role before the war as a minister of the Czar. He was especially active in protecting the Russian interests in Persia against an Anglo-American financial group. He was a personal friend of the English King, Edward VII, and a well-known figure in international diplomatic circles.—*Transocean News Service.*

**BRITAIN'S OLD
CRUISERS****Saving Five From
Scrap Heap**

London, Dec. 17. Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons to-night that Great Britain would officially intimate to the United States and Japan her intention of retaining five over-age cruisers, under Article 21 of the London Naval Treaty.

In view of the deterioration of the general international situation, said Sir Samuel, this was obviously not the moment at which any power could wish to scrap serviceable vessels and His Majesty's Government, therefore, was exchanging views in this matter with the United States and Japan. The United States had intimated that if Great Britain decided to retain these vessels on the grounds that the nation's security necessitated such action, no objection would be raised by Washington.

There was reason to believe, Sir Samuel added, that Japan's reply would also be favourable. The First Lord expressed appreciation of the sympathetic and helpful attitude adopted by the United States and Japan.

Reuter learns that the over-age cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff and Ceres, completed in 1917, the Caledon, Calvo and Cardoc.—*Reuter.*

**BRITISH POLICY ON
ABYSSINIA****Italian Press Comment**

Rome, Dec. 17. Press comments on Eden's speech in the House of Commons, on Wednesday are marked by great moderation and reserve in spite of the fact that the British Foreign Minister made clear that Britain does not intend to recognise the Italian regime in Abyssinia as "de jure" Government in that country.

The papers point out that Britain, although withholding a formal recognition, has evidently made up her mind to accept the present situation definitely.

The fact that the British diplomatic representation in Addis Ababa has been transferred into a Consulate General and the progress made in Anglo-Italian parleys is considered more important by the press than the juridical question of formal recognition of the Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia and the papers unanimously express the view that the British refusal will not stand in the way of Anglo-Italian understanding, all the more so since only relatively few foreign powers have officially recognised the Italian sovereignty in Abyssinia so far, the majority of the states contenting themselves with indirect recognition of the legations at Addis Ababa into consulates.—*Transocean News Service.*

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The report records that M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, has offered all possible co-operation in humane work.

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**WANG CHING WEI RECALLED
TO CHINA****Urgent Request For Co-operation
In Present Crisis****Former Premier To Protest Against
Russian Press Statement**

London, December 18. It is learned that the Chinese Government has cabled Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former Premier who proceeded to Europe to recuperate after the attack on his life, urgently requesting his return to co-operate with the Government for the general strengthening of the position. The request is backed by a personal appeal from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has been in continual touch with Mr. Qao Tai-chi at Geneva by telephone. An unconfirmed rumour states he will sail from Marseilles on December 22 but a definite statement is being expected to-night.

SITUATION WATCHED CLOSELY IN LONDON

The Chinese Embassy publishes a message from Nanking to all provinces, including Kwangsi, which have pledged to support the Government and hopes are expressed in London, where the crisis is most closely watched, that the clouds are lifting.—*Reuter.*

MEETING IN FRANCE

Geneva, Dec. 18. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, now somewhere in the south of France near Marseilles, will leave in a few days for China either from Marseilles or Genoa, according to whichever port there is an earlier sailing. He has been recalled by the Government in consequence of the internal situation.

His health is reported to be much better and Mr. Qao Tai-chi and Dr. Wellington Koo, who have been at Geneva for the Council meeting, are joining Mr. Wang Ching-wei this afternoon.

PROTEST STATEMENT

It is expected that the latter's statement will not now be published before Monday, but it is likely to be available before Mr. Wang Ching-wei's departure.

It is understood that Mr. Wang Ching-wei's statement will contain a protest against the kidnapping of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and particularly to a Russian newspaper statement that "he was in any way privy to it was confirmed by Mrs. Chang Hsueh-liang, who is at present in Brighton, and we are endeavouring to find her."—*Reuter.*

**RELEASED HOSTAGE
ARRIVES****Chiang Reported To
Be Well**

Nanking, Dec. 18. Two important developments have arisen from the Sianfu crisis. First, the arrival here this morning by air from Loyang of General Chiang Ting-wen, Pacification Commissioner of Fukien, who, interviewed by Reuter, said, "Chiang Kai-shek and the other captives are well." He is now closeted with Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong and Dr. H. H. Kung in the latter's residence.

Second, the intervention by General Yen Hsi-shan, who has sent his lieutenant Chao Tai-wen by air to Sian from Taiyuan for the purpose of mediating with Chang Hsueh-liang.—*Reuter.*

**EMPIRE FLYING
BOATS**

Two of the flying boats of the Empire fleet being built by the Short Company for Imperial Airways are intended for long-range flights.

The first of these crafts, now at Southampton, is being prepared for long-distance trials. It is equipped with a fuel tank of 2,320 gallons capacity, and at cruising speed of 160 miles an hour its attainable range in still air is 3,300 miles. The crew number three and the commercial load consists of 1,000 pounds. There is no passenger accommodation in this craft.

The Chief Designer of the Short Company, in a recent public lecture, maintained that no limit to the size of civil flying boats is yet in sight, and predicted the early appearance of craft of twice or four times the weight of those of the Empire fleet.—*British Wireless.*

**SOONG NOT GOING
TO SIANFU****Fears Of Becoming
Another Hostage**

Shanghai, Dec. 18. Mr. W. H. Donald remains at Sianfu and it is believed Mr. T. V. Soong will not proceed thither because it is felt he would become merely another hostage.

Nevertheless, the Soong family are continuing to strive for the postponement of military operations until every possible mediation is exhausted for the release of the Generalissimo.—*Reuter.*

WARM WELCOME!

Nanking, Dec. 18. Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Council, who arrived here yesterday, from Shanghai, may leave for Sianfu to persuade General Chang Hsueh-liang to release Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and eight other officials.

The rebel leader telegraphed Mr. Soong assuring him of a warm welcome. The two men are intimate friends, having much in common with regard to political views.

Reports concerning Mr. W. H. Donald, Australian adviser to Generalissimo Chiang, are conflicting. A foreign news agency reported his return here, when another report stated that he is in Sianfu and then in Loyang. That the Generalissimo is still alive is based on Mr. Donald's report. Why the adviser still remains in Sianfu is not stated.—*Union News.*

**MONGOLS RENEW
ATTACK**

Kueihua, Dec. 18. Fighting is breaking out again at Hungkehertu in Eastern Suiyuan between the provincial forces and the Mongol irregulars. Large numbers of irregulars have concentrated at Shantu and Changpei in Chahar ready to pour into the eastern Suiyuan sector.

General Chang Hsueh-liang's revolt is utilised by the Mongols as an opportunity to renew the attack, as no further reinforcements to Suiyuan are available at present owing to mobilisation of troops to suppress the Shensi revolt.

The enemy has abandoned efforts to recover Pailingmiao and Tamiao in North Suiyuan for the time being, the main danger being in the eastern front.—*Union News.*

**STRIKE DISORDER
AT LILLE**

Lille, Dec. 17. Despite all protests of the employers, factories involved in the metal workers strike continue to be guarded by strike pickets. It seems that the government is powerless to act whereby Wednesday saw a worsening of the situation.

During the course of the day nasty clashes occurred in the strike area. At one factory in the Lille region 300 strikers, led by communists, rushed into the building and compelled the engineer and 3 members of the staff to march with them through the streets, accompanied by jeers and insults.

All non-socialist newspapers this evening are complaining that again the police watched the disorders but failed to intervene.—*Transocean News Service.*

**PERSONAL LETTER
FROM CHIANG**

Nanking, Dec. 18. It is reported that General Chiang Ting-wen has obtained his freedom, and that he flew to Loyang yesterday with a personal letter from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and immediately reported his safe arrival to the Nanking Government by telephone.

It is reported that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has telegraphed for Mr. T. V. Soong, and guarantees his safety. This may be taken as a sign that the situation is not hopeless but improving.

Mr. W. H. Donald telegraphed to Madame Chiang last night saying that he was living with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and requesting Mr. T. V. Soong and General Koo Chuk-tung to proceed to Sianfu immediately.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang was publicly expelled from the Kuomintang Party yesterday, and following the expulsion, many of his officers are beginning to desert him, resulting in a favourable change in the situation.

REBELS ALARMED

When the news of the Central Government's despatch of a punitive army of 200,000 men reached Sian, it greatly alarmed the rebels, and it is reported that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang telegraphed to Nanking this morning asking that mediators be sent to Sian to arrange a settlement.

Owing to the big number of high and important officials of the Government, who are held in captivity in Sian, it is reported that the Nanking Government has ignored the request, and intimated that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang had better come to Nanking himself.—*Chinese Evening Press.*

**LEAGUE REFORM
COMMITTEE**

Geneva, Dec. 17.

The committee for the League of Nations reform, adjourned indefinitely on Thursday evening after having appointed 11 reporters for the various points of its agenda. The reporters' task will not be to submit proposals but merely to define the problems clearly.

The question of the separation of the covenant from the peace treaties which have been originally included in the "urgent problems" to be discussed, was contrary to the expectations.

Not one of the subjects of a report was drawn up, the reason given for this decision being that the available material belonging to this question is still incomplete.

The report on the question "Universality of the League" will be prepared by the British delegate, Lord Cranborne, that on regional pacts by the French delegate Paul-Boncour and the report concerning continental or regional reorganisation of the League by the Soviet delegate, Boris Stein.

It is generally believed here that several months will pass before the committee for League reform will meet again.—*Transocean News Service.*

**PAN-AMERICAN
PEACE TALKS**

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.

The Pan-American Peace Conference took on a new aspect today, when moves towards a clarification and unification of the direction of economic policy on the two American continents were unexpectedly discussed.—*Reuter.*

**SPECIAL AREAS
PROBLEM****Scheme For Transfer
Of Unemployed**

London, Dec. 18. A new scheme for the transfer of the elderly unemployed with the families of amolese from the Special Areas of Britain to the vicinity of the industrial areas of the Midlands and Southern England, where there are better prospects of work, has been approved by the Special Commissioner and in conjunction with the land settlement association as an initial step, two hundred and fifty cottage homesteads, each constituting of a single detached house and half an acre of land, will be made available for the transfers at rentals of about 10/6d. weekly.

The scheme will be financed out of the Special Areas fund and the immediate cost will be about £125,000.

The Association will train occupiers in the proper use of land and supervise their work and it is hoped younger members of the families will find work in the neighbourhood.—*British Wireless.*

**ANGLO-SPANISH
TRADE****New Arrangement Made**

London, Dec. 17. New arrangements, in consequence of the financial disturbances caused by the Spanish civil war, have had to be made in Anglo-Spanish trade spheres, explained Dr. Edward Burgin, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, speaking at question time in the House of Commons to-night.

He said both the British and Spanish Governments had agreed upon a suspension of clearing procedure, under the Anglo-Spanish Payments Agreement.

Dr. Burgin warned traders to exercise caution in arranging for exports to Spain.—*Reuter.*

**ROYAL MARRIAGE
IN HOLLAND**

The Hague, Dec. 17. The nuptial festivities which will culminate in the wedding of the Dutch princess, Juliana, to Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld on January 7 are scheduled to begin on Saturday.

A message will be conveyed to the nation by six heralds while church bells ring. The festival programme includes concerts, special theatrical presentations, torchlight parades, receptions, local festivities and sporting events which include a football game between a Dutch team and one from Lippe-Detmold.—*Transocean News Service.*

**RESEARCH SHIP
DISCOVERY****Handing Over To Boy
Scouts Association**

London, Dec. 17. The Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands is to be invited to assent to a proposal that the royal research ship, Discovery, at present laid up in East India Dock, be handed over to the Boy Scouts' Association.

Among other purposes, the ship would be used as headquarters for the Sea Scout branch of the Boy Scouts Association and as a hostel for overseas Scouts who may from time to time be passing through London.—*British Wireless.*

**BRITISH RELATIONS
WITH LIBERIA**

London, Dec. 17.

After a 5 years interim the British government has resumed diplomatic relations with Liberia. The resumption of relations was entrusted to the British chargé d'affaires in Monrovia, Mr. A. E. Yapp, in that he handed in his credentials, whereupon the Liberian foreign minister called at the British Legation.

The British government broke off the relations with Liberia in 1931 following the report on prevalence of slavery in Liberia.—*Transocean News Service.*

**FRENCH BUDGET
DEFICIT****Taxation Increase
Impossible**

Paris, Dec. 18. After an all-night sitting, the Chamber, by 489 votes to 107, adopted the budget providing for a deficit of about £45,000,000. Expenditure is estimated at £482,574,000 and revenue at £437,553,000.

The Finance Minister, M. Vincent Auriol, stated that 60 per cent of the budget was taken up by the public debt and national defence and it was impossible to increase taxation.—*Reuter.*

**GERMAN COLONIAL
PROBLEM**

Berlin, Dec. 17.

Dr. Schacht's pronouncement, published in "Foreign Affairs" on Germany's colonial problem has met with the fullest endorsement in semi-official quarters here. Particularly Schacht's insistence on the point that Germany does not regard the colonial question as a matter of prestige or of imperialism has, it is considered, contributed to a better understanding of the German point of view abroad. It is pointed out that two minimum demands made by Germany are the own administration of raw material, territory and the introduction of German currency in this colonial territory.—*Transocean News Service.*

**Two Princesses As
Bridesmaids For
Juliana**

Two princesses and a grand duchess will be among the bridesmaids at the wedding at the Hague on January 6 of Princess Juliana, Crown Princess of Holland, and Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld, states the "Daily Mirror".

The bridesmaids will be the Duchess Wolslaw, the Duchess Thyra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Grand-Duchess Ekira of Russia, daughter of the Grand Duke Cyril, the Princesses Sieglinde and Elisabeth of Lippe and the Baroness of Heemstra and Yonkorow de Brauw.

The royal procession will leave the Palace at eleven o'clock for the City Hall, where the civil ceremony will be performed by the Burgomaster, M. De Monchy.

Vocal and instrumental societies will take part in the wedding celebrations.

After the ceremony, it is reported unofficially, the pair will make a tour of the city, leaving in the afternoon for their honeymoon.

**ENTENTE CORDIALE—
1906**

The Entente Cordiale was in its first bloom in 1906 when M. Marcel Boulestin first visited London. He recalls some of its theatrical manifestations in his autobiography, "Myself, My Two Countries," which has just appeared.

In the Alhambra ballet the premiere danseuse wore a red, white and blue dress.

At Drury Lane Frangop sang patriotically in French and in English—with an accent in both languages.

Simone le Barsy played in English next to George Alexander at the St. James's Theatre.

At the Coronet Theatre Sarah Bernhardt played Pélus to Mrs. Patrick Campbell's Mollande.

On his return to Paris M. Houlestin was present at the concert given under official auspices by the London Symphony Orchestra and the Leeds Choir.

At the end he met a famous dressmaker, who, in reply to his remark on the fine quality of the voices, shook his head sadly.

"Yes, yes," he said, "very interesting; fine music—Entente Cordiale! but, mon Dieu, these choristers, their throats!"

KEROSENE CASE

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oil constituted an offence under the ordinance. Sec. 10 states that no person shall have in his possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any servant, agent or warehouse owner, any dangerous goods except in pursuance of a licence granted by the I.G.P.

THREE EXCEPTIONS

There are three exceptions; first, as regards dangerous goods carried as cargo on ships entering the harbour to which sec. 8 applies, second as 'hereinafter mentioned' which must, I think, refer to sec. 19 exempting naval ships and depots, and third where exemption is granted by regulations made under sec. 5. I do not think that this oil can be stated to fall within any of the exemptions made under the Ordinance or under the Regulations. But I am asked by the defence to hold that it was never intended that this Ordinance should apply to water-borne goods. The Ordinance, however, does not say so and I am afraid I cannot subscribe to this view.

In interpreting any Ordinance the Magistrate is bound by the literal words, which is generally irrefutable evidence of what the legislature intended. Only where there is some obvious ambiguity to explain, some omission to rectify or some clear verbal or grammatical error to correct is it permissible to look beyond the actual words. If the grammatical meaning of the words is clear the Magistrate is bound to give effect to them and the words of this section are in my opinion quite straightforward and interpretation thereof cannot proceed on the principle of *ex ratione legis*.

ORDINANCE UPHOLD

If this section means anything at all it means that you cannot have dangerous goods in your possession without a licence from the I.G.P. unless such goods are specifically exempt from the necessity of a licence. I cannot, except by a considerable straining of ordinary language read anything into this Ordinance to suggest that the Ordinance applies to dangerous goods on land only and that such a licence is not necessary when dangerous goods are kept in ships in the waters of the colony.

In my opinion this Ordinance must be held to mean what it says—that possession of dangerous goods in this colony without a licence from the I.G.P. is unlawful and it does not matter whether such goods are on land, on the sea or in an aeroplane. If you have no licence for such goods in your possession you have no lawful possession. If the legislature had not intended that a licence should be necessary for water-borne oils, it could quite easily have said so as it did in the case of naval ships.

IRRELEVANT

The fact that it is impossible, as the Ordinance stands at present, to get a licence for water-borne dangerous goods is irrelevant. It may be that the Ordinance has produced results which can hardly have been anticipated by the Legislature; it may be that it is totally unsuited to modern conditions; it may be that it has not been rigidly enforced by the executive but these are questions into which this Court will not enquire.

There remains one further point. It was argued by the counsel for the defence that this case was the first prosecution of its kind since the Ordinance was passed. I cannot think, however, that lack of prosecuting zeal by the executive can legalise an act declared to be an offence by the express wording of an Ordinance.

I am therefore of the opinion that the prosecution has established its case and the defendant must be convicted.

Mr. Losby asked for a nominal fine of one cent. There was polish on the floor of the Court, which was a petroleum product and not exempt from the list of dangerous goods, yet there was no licence for the ships coming into the harbour with dangerous goods on board.

The magistrate: If it is a fact that the Regulations are being revised, I would hesitate to impose a heavy fine because it may happen that what is now an offence may not be an offence soon. Defendant will be fined \$50.

At the request of Mr. Abbott, His Worship made an order allowing for the confiscation of only the few tins of kerosene used by the parties for demonstration purposes at the Court. The remainder were to be restored to defendant and to be kept in a place to be mutually agreed upon between him and the Government officers pending their disposal.

SPORT FLASHES FROM FIELD AND PAVILION

Hartigan's Retirement

BY BEN MADIGAN

I had the pleasure of meeting Hartigan of the Rifles on Sunday at the China "A" and Rifles match, and from the conversation that ensued I gathered that this dapper little winger has definitely retired from all football activities this season; undoubtedly this player would have been a great asset to his Club had he been available for their Shield Match.

CHINA "A" FANCIED

I think that China "A" are the firmly established favourites for the Shield and League, as they have been playing a very good type of football up to the present.

COSTA'S CHANCE

After witnessing the Recreio and St. Joseph's Shield match I was not long in being convinced that Costa of the Saints Eleven is an odds on chance for Interport Honours this season, as he proved himself a player above the ordinary in every phase of the game.

SYMPATHY

I saw Duffield of the R.A.O.C. in a third division game last week, and I think this player is rather unlucky to have to play in such company, as it appears to be slowing him down a lot.

SGT. FERGUSON'S CAREER

I wonder how many of the football community are acquainted with the by-gone achievements of Sgt. Ferguson of the Rifles? He had a couple of seasons with Aldershot Command, played for Isle Of Wight v Portsmouth twice, and one of the selected players who represented Hampshire County on several occasions, and chosen to play for Southern Ireland whilst stationed in that country. Injuries however brought a brilliant career to an early close.

LACK OF COMPETITION

What's wrong with the football authorities of the Colony? I watched a match between two boys' eleven and was surprised when I was informed that there was no competitive football among these boys, and the game was only of a friendly nature.

What about some competition for these lads of ours, our future soccer stars.

CHAMPION TAKES UP SOCCER

I got some information to the effect that Rfn. Hamilton, the Army 100-Yds. swimming champion has now taken up football and is no mean performer on the right wing. I expect a lot will be seen of him on the field this season, as some defenders will probably find him more than they can contend with.

CLUB'S ILL LUCK

Speaking to one of the Club's members the other day, he reminded me that they had been very unlucky during the first half of the League, as they had a lot of bad luck in the way of injuries, but that they would be a force to be reckoned with in the second half of the League, as all their players have now reported fit. What price the Club being titled the "Shock Team"!

ULSTER'S HIDDEN TALENT

I spent an afternoon watching some of the Ulster's Company's Football teams, and was favourably impressed by a player on the left wing. After making some inquiries about him I was amazed to hear that he had never been considered within the Unit. What is wrong with the Ulster's football scout?

NEWCOMERS PROGRESS

I have been very fortunate to obtain a few glimpses of the H.K. Ladies Hockey Team on Saturday afternoons in their Caer Clarke Cup Games. I was deeply impressed by a newcomer to the Club this season, Mrs. Donald. I consider that after seeing this player perform in the centre berth a problem has been solved for the Interport selectors.

CHANCE OF PROMOTION

Whilst watching St. Joseph's training, I was firmly convinced that young Wilkinson, their 3rd Division player, will not be long in that particular company, as his tackling and placing left nothing to be desired.

CONFIDENT OF THE SHIELD

It was only on Monday that I was speaking to a person who has more than a passing interest in the welfare of the Fusiliers football team, and he informed me that they were really confident of annexing the Shield, and was prepared to risk a huge bet on that result.

SELECTORS' SOUND CHOICE

I see that the Army Selectors have at last opened their eyes and have seen the merits of Stevens, the R.U.R. left back. It was nearly time that this player was recognised for the Army Eleven.

WHO WAS HE?

After reading an account of the Shield tie between the R.U.R. and South China "A", I made a rough guess as to what Regiment this particular reporter belonged to, and when I saw the reference to the "Irish In Us" I came to the conclusion that it must have been one from the R.U.R. reporting staff.

INTENSIVE TRAINING

On visiting some of the Clubs in Hong Kong during the week, I saw to my deep satisfaction that they were all industriously engaged in training for their Shield ties in the future.

REFEREES JUDGED

Despite the caustic comments of numerous spectators at recent matches, I have come to the conclusion that these "Knights of the whistle" are a credit to the Colony. In some matches they certainly have a great deal of unsportsmanlike conduct to contend with, and up to the present very few errors have been made.

SPLENDID BACK

Whilst watching the Royal Navy first eleven at work in a league match lately, I was deeply impressed by the sterling work of the inveterate left back, Wolverston. This player is noted for his clean, keen, tackling and his lengthy kicking.

SELECTORS PLEASE NOTE

Watching some of the Hockey games of the R.U.R., I was not long in coming to a decision that the veteran Boston is by no means a spent force. On the contrary, I consider him a serious contender for Army honours.

CLEVER GOALKEEPER

Pan Ka-ping is certainly one of the best, if not the very best goalkeeper in the Colony. He is a real artist in saving long shots and is one of the few who make goalkeeping look easy. He certainly is a treasure to S.C.A., as well as being a thorn in the flesh to all first division forwards in the Colony.

ATHLETIC REVIVAL

A friend of mine who witnessed the Chinese Athletic and Eastern Game, assured me that the Athletic were due for a revival and felt convinced that they would not remain long in company with the "bottom dogs" of the table.

HARD SHOOTING WINGER

During the recent game between China "B" and the Club, I overheard the following remark being passed—referring to, Yeung Sui-yick:—"That outside right of China "B" packs the hardest and most accurate shot in local soccer." (I was inclined to agree with my friend—He does wallop them hard).

ADVICE TO TALENT SPOTTERS

I was informed by the sports master of St. Joseph's College that the Inter-Class Football Competition is starting next month on one of the local grounds. As I have already seen most of these lads in action I would advise some of our Football Scouts to be in attendance, as there is bound to be some promising lads on view.

RECOMMENDED BY FOOTBALL FANS

Listening to some football fans in one of the well patronised restaurants, I heard quite a lot about Tomlinson of the Kumaon Rifles, so I decided to see him in action as soon as an opportunity presented itself. Well, I did not go on a fruitless search as when I did get to see him in action I was firmly convinced that this player will prove himself a rare find when he gets settled to local conditions.

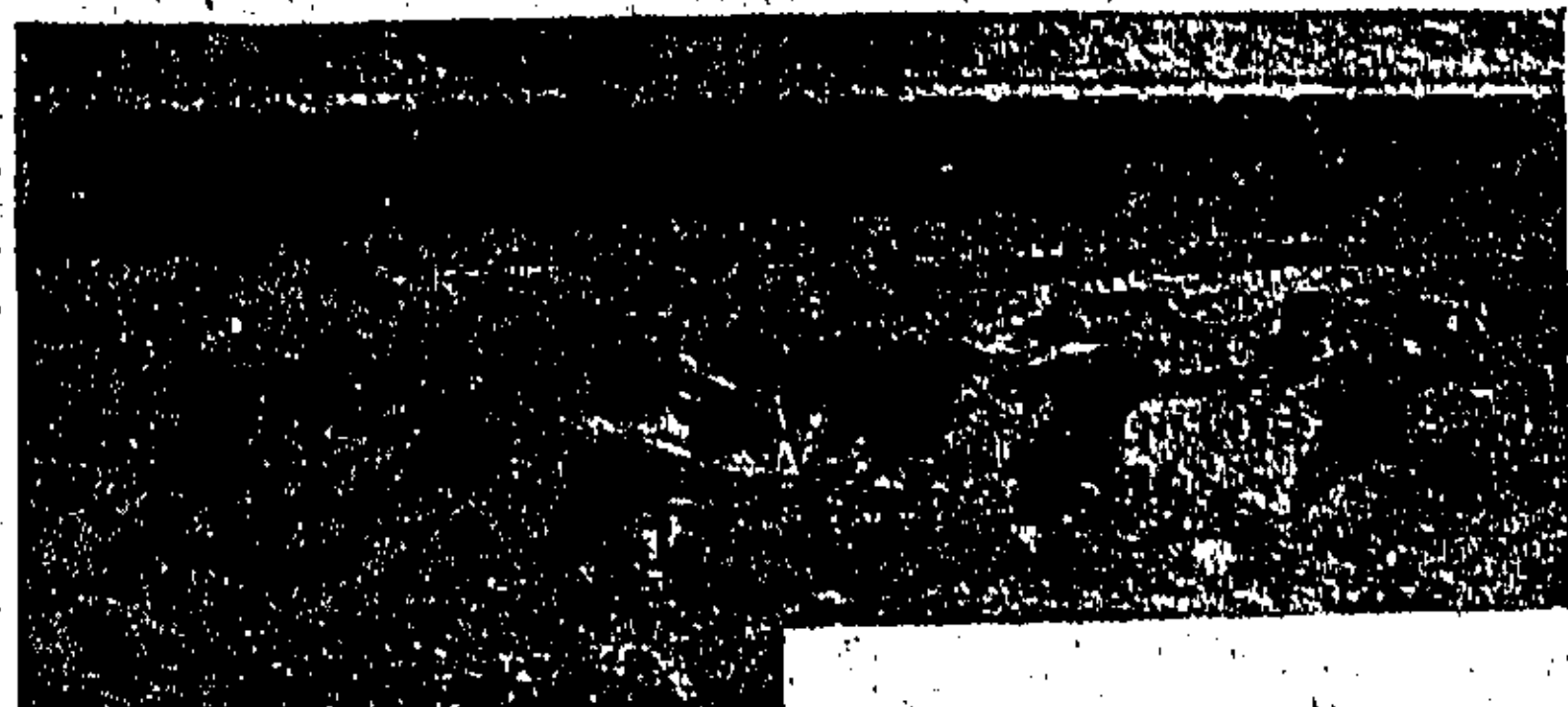
CLASSICAL DISPLAY

On Wednesday afternoon I watched the Army play H.K. Hockey Club in the Triangular tournament, and I was favourably impressed by the classical display given by Lal Singh (Army). He will be missed a lot by the Army selectors when he leaves on Saturday. I wish him every success in his home country.

R.W.F. CONFIDENT

I visited the R.W. Fusiliers at San-Wai Camp during the week and they expressed great confidence in their game with the Ulsters this week end, and they

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CIVIL SERVICE CLUB

The Civil Service Cricket Club announce that no Whist Drive will be held on Thursday next, Christmas Eve.

There will be a Whist Drive today at which special Christmas prizes will be distributed, and it is hoped to commence promptly at 9.20 p.m.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd instant, probably in St. Andrew's Church Hall to draw up a programme for the visit of the Hockey Team of the Waseda University, Tokyo, which intends to visit the Colony from the 3rd to the 15th January.

All members of the Council are invited to be present. In view of the short time available individual notices are not being sent out.

ADIEU TO EAST LANCES

I'm sure I am expressing the thoughts of every football fan in the Colony when I say that from every point of view one could not but admire the splendid type of sportsmanship that was clearly stamped in all phases of sports that this splendid regiment indulged in, and it is with deep regret that we have to bid adieu to their football team. I only hope they reap a few good successes on the football field in India.

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CATHOLIC NEWS AND NOTES

(Continued from Page 3)

Professor Edmund Whittaker has been for twenty-four years professor of Mathematics in Edinburgh University. He was President of the Mathematical Association and of the London Mathematical Society, and has been an F.R.S. since 1905. His earlier distinctions were won in astronomy, and he was Royal Astronomer of Ireland from 1906-1912. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1930.

MONSIGNOR AND WRITER OF DETECTIVE STORIES

Rev. Donald Knox, one of the best known priests in England, has been made a Domestic Prelate to the Pope, and will henceforth be known as Monsignor Knox. He has been called the "clerical Chesterton," and he is equally well known as a brilliant satirist and as a writer of detective stories. He is a brother of the Editor of "Punch" and a son of a former Bishop of England. When he was in Oxford he was President of the Oxford Union, and he is now resident chaplain in his old university. He became a Catholic in the late twenties. He is one of the wittiest writers in England, and his "Barchester Pilgrimage," a continuation of the Barchester novels of Anthony Trollope is worthy of a place in the original series. Before the days of crossword puzzles he was a well-known maker of ingenious acrostics, and now he is popularly believed to be "Torquemada" of the tantalising crosswords in the "Observer."

EMBER DAYS

To-day is one of the "Ember days," Wednesday, Friday and Saturday three times a year have this name. They divide the year fairly accurately, and were set apart since the early ages of the Church as periods of prayer, fast and abstinence. Ordinations generally take place on the Saturday of these days. The time of their origin is not known and there is a good deal of learned controversy about their name. The most probable theory is that the name is a very mutilated form of the Latin term "quatuor tempora"

LOCAL GOLF

Starting Times For Fanling

The complete list of starting times at Fanling to-morrow, is as under.—

OLD COURSE

- a.m.
9.20 A. K. Mackenzie and A. E. Lissaman
9.24 T. Lindars and G. T. May
9.28 H. Jussierand and W. N. A. Smalley
9.32 W. A. Stewart and D. S. Robb
9.36 B. D. Evans and A. Sommerfelt
9.40 S. H. Dodwell and A. C. I. Bowker
9.44 A. D. Humphreys and F. A. Redmond
9.48 J. M. Gray and C. Mycock
9.52 D. D. Forbes and E. R. Walch
9.56 J. C. Dunbar and R. C. Webb
10.00 J. L. Adams and J. F. Robinson
10.04 J. A. R. Selby and X. MacDonald
10.08 T. Low and S. T. Butlin
10.12 H. N. Williamson and D. M. Richards
10.16 H. R. B. Hancock and T. E. Pearce
10.20 S. A. Slap and J. Harrop
10.24 I. H. Geare and T. R. Chasels
10.28 T. R. Rowell and J. S. Dykes

NEW COURSE

- a.m.
9.20 R. Young and E. J. R. Mitchell
9.24 G. Marselle and W. Sharp
9.32 R. T. Cherrill and L. M. S. Lloyd
9.36 D. J. Keogh and H. A. Lammert
9.44 D. J. Gilmore and P. Morrison
9.48 H. C. Hopkins and P. L. Leefe
9.56 G. A. Leiper and A. Kidd
10.00 K. W. Jones and A. Murdoch
10.08 H. M. Alexander and Col. Matthews
10.16 Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Robinson
10.24 J. W. and Mrs. Mayhew
10.32 H. and Mrs. Overy
10.40 Wing Cdr. Bishop and D. W. McEwen
10.48 L. E. Cramer and J. S. Lynnett
10.56 Madame Jussierand and Mrs. Smalley

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were recorded at the Valley training gallops yesterday:—

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Diana Bay	1	35	1.09	31
Zodiac	1	35	1.03	28
Strathroy	1	25.2	52.2	28
Laughing Girl	1	34	1.05.2	31.2
Pontiac Bay and Bo'at Bay	1	30.2	1.01.2	31
Laughing Buddha	1	37.3	1.09.1	31.3
Honey	1	26.1		26.1
Handford	1	36	1.02.4	26.4
Ranger	1	31	57.3	26.3
King's Warden	1	32.1	1.00.3	28.2
Double Finesse	1	26		26
New Star	1	37.1	1.09.4	32.3
Rose Evelyn	1	31.4	1.01.2	29.3
Rousseau	1	33	1.04.4	31.4
King's Parade	1	31.4	1.03.3	31.4
Double Chance	1	36.1	1.06	29.4
Perfect Day	1	28.2		28.2
Bag Tor	1	35	1.03	28
Saucy Face	1	29.4	57.1	27.2
Snowy River	1	31.4	58.1	26.2
Racing Boy	1	29.1		29.1
Shamrock and Emergency Call	1	37.3	1.11.3	34
Bobbiak Star	1	28.3	55.2	26.4
Diogenes	1	30.1		30.1
King's Justice	1	31.4	1.02.3	30.4
Don and Soldier of Peace	1	30.2		30.2
King's Bounty	1	35.4	1.05.4	30
Hercules	1	32.3	1.01.1	28.3
Calvalcade	1	30.3		30.3
Bear Claw	1	32	1.00.4	28.4
Miracle	1	30.4		30.4
Gold Sovereign	1	30.3		30.3
The Tiger	1	31.1		31.1
Stopwatch	1	36.1	1.07.1	31
Hopscotch	1	32		32

MACAO PONIES

Hogmanay	42	1.22	2.00	2.35	35
Victory Life	43	1.25	2.02	2.35	33
Eastlight	43	1.25	2.02	2.35	33
Gold Reserve	39	1.15	1.50		35
Shih Yin Grand	39	1.20	1.56	2.30	34
Wentworth	43	1.23	2.01	2.36	35
Merry Fatty	45	1.27	2.04	2.42	3.16 34
Brown Bee	42	1.23	1.58	2.31	33
Delightful Chance	42	1.23	1.58	2.31	33
Rothsay Bay	44	1.29	2.11	2.50	3.25 35
Coureur Bleu	44	1.23	1.58		35
City Life	44	1.23	1.58		35
Hurdling Morn	42	1.25	2.04	2.40	36
Shanghai 4	46	1.35	2.18	2.53	35

(four times) by which they have been always officially known. They are also called by a literal translation of this term "Quarter Tense."

STUDY OF COMMUNISM

A detailed study of the tenets of Communism has been ordered in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, U.S.A. by the Archbishop, Dr. Curley. A special course of study of the subject will in future have to be undertaken in the higher classes of all the schools, and a dis-

tinguished University man among the clergy of the diocese has been detailed to supervise the study. Communism is, in theory as well as in practice, completely opposed to Catholic teaching, but Archbishop Curley's order that it should be studied from the Catholic standpoint is founded on the belief that, since the teaching of Communism is so prevalent nowadays, every boy who leaves a Catholic school should know what it represents and how its errors are to be combated.

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THE EXCHANGE MARKET

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Hong Kong, Dec. 18.
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21 5/16 for Ready and 21 1/2 for Forward. Silver advices reported India as having bought and China sold. The cash market was dull but the forward market was steady. After the official fixing there was some Indian inquiries resulting in business at 21 5/16 for forward delivery. The market closed steady. American Silver was quoted at 45 1/2 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4.91. New York-London was quoted at 4.91 17/32.

MARKET
Extremely dull. The tone appeared steadier than yesterday.

STERLING
A small business was done at 1/2 15/16 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 29/32 December-April, buyers at 1/2 31/32 December-February and probably 1/2 15/16 March-April.

U.S. DOLLARS
No business was reported. There were sellers at 30 1/2 for near and forward, buyers probably at 30 9/16 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 103 1/2, buyers at 103 1/2 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET
There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 29/32 and then steadied up to 1/2 31/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 1/2 for cash, buyers probably at 29 9/16 for cash.

IN THE AFTERNOON
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

IN STERLING
No business was reported, finishing with a small seller at 1/2 15/16 December-January and 1/2 29/32 February-April, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS
A small business was done at 30 9/16 for January delivery. The market closed with sellers at 30 1/2 December-April, buyers at 30 9/16 for any delivery.

DON'T BE INSPIRED

G.K.'s Admonition

The reason why there are so many bad poets is that they are all inspired poets. As commonly used, the notion of inspiration is the very reverse of imagination. For imagination means something connected with an image; and every image in that sense is a given image. I mean that it needs to be carved and carefully completed like any other work of man. But inspiration at its best means breath; and only too frequently means wind.

IMPULSIVE WRITING
Those who write with only an impulse, and without an image, do not understand what they are doing. Distrust every poet who says to you, "I do not know where this came from." The proper answer is, "We none of us know where it is going to." You have got to have an image to be evoked before the end; and to work up to that from the beginning. In that sense, all good poetry is written backwards. That is exactly the difference between the inspired poet and the inspiring poet. The bad, or inspired, poet, lets the first lines dictate the last lines.

INSPIRING
The good, or inspiring, poet, lets the last lines dictate the first. Take the first few lines of any good poem.
"Yet once more, O ye laurels, and once more
Ye myrtles brown and ivy never sere,
I come to pluck your berries harsh and crude
And with forced finger rude
Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year."
It is obvious that the last line is more important than the second, and Milton was preparing it when he chose the rhyme, "sere."

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuters Service)

New York, December 18.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton Cross-rate	—	—	4.91 15/32	—
New York Cotton—Mar.	12.31	11.99	12.32	17 off
New York Rubber—Mar.	30.51	30.38	30.50	12 up
Chicago Wheat—May	130 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn—May	106 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	1 up
Silver—Official	—	—	45	—

	High	Low	Dec. 18	High	Low	Dec. 17	Change
Dow Jones Averages	188.39	183.11	181.56	189.18	180.36	180.78	80 off
30 Industrials	60.48	40.89	54.56	55.31	54.60	54.74	25 off
20 Rails	36.16	35.23	35.28	35.60	34.68	35.09	19 off
30 Utilities	108.01	98.92	105.88	—	—	105.80	68 off
40 Bonds	77.79	76.58	77.82	—	—	77.35	13 up
11 Commodity Index	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Business Done:—1,960,000 shares.

Stocks	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Stocks	Dec. 18	Dec. 17
Adams Express	14 1/2	15	Great Northern Rly.	41 1/2	42
Allis Chalmers	74 1/2	75 1/2	Great Western Sugar	39 1/2	39 1/2
Amer. Can.	114	113 1/2	Holly Sugar Corp.	—	—
Amer. Car & Foundry	—	—	Humble Oil	75 1/2	75 1/2
Amer. Cyanamid	34 1/2	34 1/2	Int. Nickel	63 1/2	63
Amer. & For. Power	7 1/2	7 1/2	Int. Tel. & Tel.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Amer. & For. 87 pf.	58	58	Int. Dept. Stores	32 1/2	32 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	46	47	Kennecott Copper	60 1/2	59 1/2
Amer. Metals	52	50	Lambert Corp.	19 1/2	19 1/2
Amer. Radiator	25 1/2	24 1/2	Loew's Inc.	64	64 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	34 1/2	35 1/2	Loew's Inc.	64	64 1/2
Amer. Smelting	95 1/2	94 1/2	McIntyre Petroleum	22 1/2	22 1/2
Amer. Steel P'dries	58 1/2	58 1/2	McKesson & Robbins	45 1/2	45 1/2
Amer. Sugar	56 1/2	53	Montano Chemical	99 1/2	99 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	185 1/2	185 1/2	Montgomery Ward	66	66
Amer. Tobacco "B"	96 1/2	95 1/2	Murray Corp.	18 1/2	18
Amer. Waterworks	28	25 1/2	Nat. Cash Register	30	30
Anaconda Copper	52 1/2	52	Nat. Dairy Products	23 1/2	23 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	71 1/2	71 1/2	Nat. Distillers	29	29
Atlantic Refining	30 1/2	30 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	12 1/2	11 1/2
Atlas Corp.	17	17	New York Central	43 1/2	43 1/2
Auburn Motors	32	31 1/2	Niagara Hudson P. Corp.	18 1/2	17 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	93	92 1/2	North American	30 1/2	30 1/2
\$7 cum. pf.	22 1/2	22 1/2	Northern Pacific	27 1/2	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	22 1/2	22 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	33 1/2
Barnard Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2	Pacific Lighting	50 1/2	50 1/2
Bendix Aviation	73 1/2	75 1/2	Packard Motors	10 1/2	10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	34 1/2	33 1/2	Paramount	21 1/2	21 1/2
Boeing Airplane	28 1/2	28 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	40 1/2	40 1/2
Borden Co.	58 1/2	57 1/2	Phelps Dodge	47 1/2	47 1/2
Briggs Manufacturing	53	53 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	47 1/2	47 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan	101 1/2	101 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	48 1/2	48 1/2
Trans.	150	149 1/2	Pullman Inc.	64 1/2	65
Brooklyn-Manhattan	13 1/2	13 1/2	Pure Oil	19 1/2	19
\$8 cum. pf.	101 1/2	101 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Case, J.I.	13 1/2	13 1/2	Republic Steel	29 1/2	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific	28 1/2	27	Reynolds Tobac. "B"	58	58 1/2
Celanese Corp. of America	71 1/2	71 1/2	St. Joseph Lead Co.	48 1/2	48
Cerro de Pasco	14 1/2	13 1/2	Schenley	96 1/2	96 1/2
Certain-Tied P'dries	88 1/2	85	Schenley 6 1/2 pf.	96 1/2	96 1/2
Chesapeake Corp.	88 1/2	85	Sears Roebuck	26 1/2	26 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	124	122 1/2	Shell Union Oil	15 1/2	15 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	124	122 1/2	Socony-Vacuum	15 1/2	15 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	104 1/2	104 1/2	Southern Cal Edison	28 1/2	28 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	104 1/2	104 1/2	Southern Pacific	25 1/2	25 1/2
Commercial Credit	66	64	Southern Ry 5% pf.	53	52 1/2
Commercial Solvents	18 1/2	18 1/2	Stand Brands	15 1/2	15 1/2
Commonwealth & S.	31	31	Stand Gas & Elec.	8 1/2	9
Commonwealth \$8	70 1/2	70	Stand Gas & Elec.	8 1/2	9
cum. pf.	44 1/2	44 1/2	\$7 pf.	58 1/2	58 1/2
Consolidated Edison	15 1/2	14 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	67 1/2	66 1/2
Consolidated Oil	42 1/2	42 1/2	Sterling Products	70 1/2	71
Continental Oil	42 1/2	42 1/2	Swift International	31 1/2	32
Corn. Products	68 1/2	69	Technicolor	22 1/2	22 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	63	62	Texas Gulf Sulphur	39 1/2	40
Curtiss Wright "A"	20 1/2	20	Tidewater Assoc. Oil	20 1/2	20
Delaware & Hudson	46	46	Timken-Detroit Axle	24 1/2	24 1/2
Del. Lackawanna & Western	105 1/2	105 1/2	Transamerica	17 1/2	17 1/2
Distillers Corp. Sea.	26 1/2	27 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Films	36 1/2	36 1/2
grams	72 1/2	71	20th Cent. Fox Films	36 1/2	36 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	180 1/2	180	Un. Carbide & Car.	103 1/2	102 1/2
Du Pont	12 1/2	12 1/2	Un. Pacific	132	131
Electric Boat	22 1/2	22 1/2	United Aircraft	28 1/2	28 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	70 1/2	71	Un. Airline Trans.	18 1/2	18 1/2
\$5 pf.	70 1/2	71	United Corp.	63	63
Elec. Bond & Share	70 1/2	71	United Corp. \$3	63	63
\$8 pf.	70 1/2	71	cum. pf.	45 1/2	44 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	25	24 1/2	Un. Gas Improv't	14 1/2	14 1/2
\$7 pf.	84	84 1/2	Un. Light & power	14 1/2	14 1/2
Firestone Tire & R.	30 1/2	30 1/2	"A"	7	7 1/2
Flintkote	40 1/2	39 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alco.	39 1/2	39 1/2
Gen. Asphalt	50 1/2	50	hol	48	47
Gen. Cigar	52 1/2	52 1/2	U.S. Rubber	98 1/2	98
Gen. Electric	40 1/2	40 1/2	U.S. Rubber 38 pf.	98 1/2	98
Gen. Foods	69 1/2	68 1/2	U.S. Steel	78 1/2	78 1/2
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Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	15 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	17 1/2	17 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	23 1/2	22	Westinghouse Elec.	148	147 1/2
Glidden	13 1/2	13 1/2	Youngstown Sheet	79 1/2	79 1/2
Gold Dust	34	32 1/2	& Tube	45 1/2	45 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	84	84	Chase National Bk.	38 1/2	38 1/2
Goodrich 35 pf.	28 1/2	28 1/2	National City Bk.	38 1/2	38 1/2
Goodyear	28 1/2	28 1/2	Call Money	1%	1%

one word and write straight ahead:

"Ye myrtles green and ivy never brown," he would have had to end the verse anyhow, with a rhyme to "brown." If he had been a simple Wordsworthian poet, he might have written, "Shatter your leaves before I go to town." If he had been fond of the fierce fiery flood of alliteration, he might have written, "Shatter your leaves and dash the damned things down." If he had been a modern poet, stark and intellectual and devoted to the new pure beauty, he would doubtless have said something like, "Belch at the ditch like a dyspeptic clown." But always he would be ruled by that irrevocable inspiration, which had made him get the second line wrong. A man creates a cathedral, but he also must construct a cathedral. If he is only inspired, he will put the spire on first and throw anything else anywhere.

AS YOU LIKE IT

A traveler who likes the English and swears he wouldn't tell an untruth about them, is just back from the Motherland with a little tale of hospitality. He was a week-end guest at a big estate in Surrey which was complete with parks, stables, and prize cattle. His first morning there, the maid who brought him his can of hot water queried him about his breakfast. "Tea, coffee, or milk?" she asked. Mindful of where he was, he selected tea. "Very good, sir," she said, "and will you take Ceylon, China, or Assam?" He didn't know anything about Assam, so he chose that. "Milk, cream, or lemon?" the maid pursued. "Milk," he said, and thought the matter was settled. "Very good, sir," said the maid. "Jersey, Guernsey, or Alderney?" "The New York."

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Sitting by the side of a road leading through a wood in Algeria I saw a curious long line slowly moving along. Wondering what on earth it could be, I walked up to it and found that it consisted of caterpillars a little over an inch in size marching head to tail, and making a procession twenty feet long. I was naturally fascinated and later discovered they were processionary caterpillars whose silken nests I had seen in the trees. In the early morning they go for long marches to feed on the pines, and return in this curious way in the evening. How they found their way back to their nest puzzled me for some days until at last I discovered that a silken thread, invisible to the eye, had been laid down by them so that they had no difficulty whatever in finding their way home. I began to experiment with them by pushing one out of line, when the whole column instantly stopped, but directly the caterpillar I had pushed out got back and made contact—that is, head and tail—off they all marched again.

MUTED STRINGS

The death of Sir Edward German marks the passing of almost the last of those men who created a joyous and graceful school of English music that charmed the whole world. His "Henry VIII" Dances have braved the chill winds of seaside performance these many years, while his "Merrie England" and "Tom Jones" will come back again and again as long as tra-

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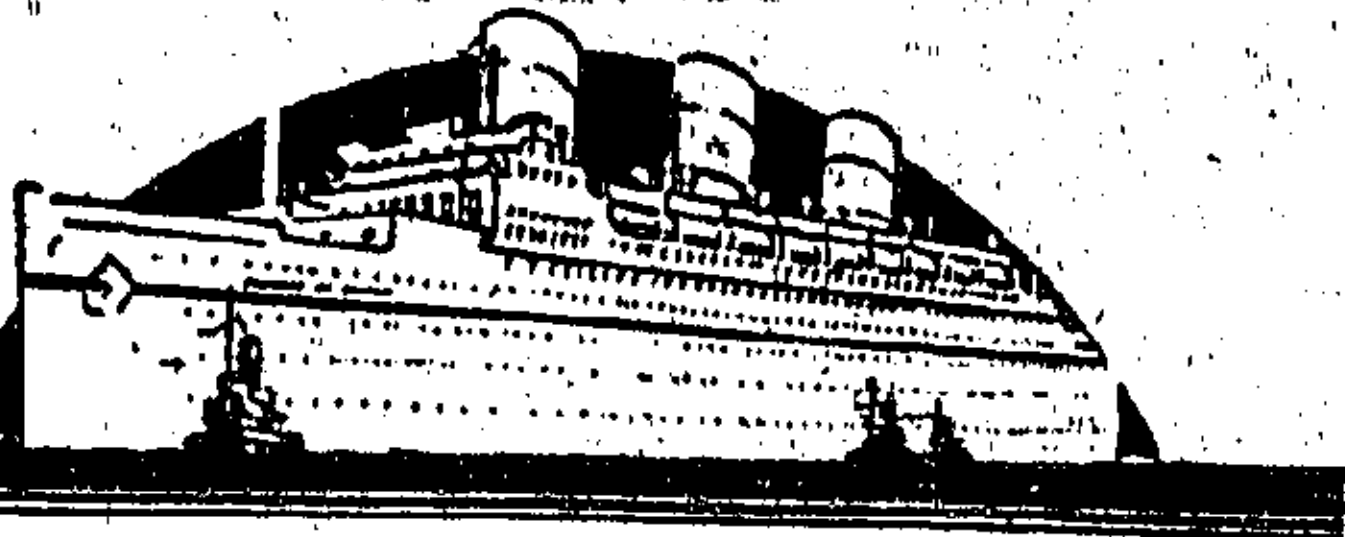
When the carriage of the King and Queen had swept past on its way to St. Paul's, I turned from the window, thinking the great moment of the Jubilee was over. The service at St. Paul's was beginning to come in over the radio—the pealing of the bells, the blasts of the trumpets as the King and Queen entered the Cathedral, and one by one we rose to our feet for "God Save the King." Just then I caught a glimpse through the window of the crowds in the street below. They, too, stood still: the whole of London had frozen into immobility, for the service at St. Paul's was being broadcast at every street corner throughout the city. Millions of people were taking part in the same service that only a few were actually witnessing.

I rushed into the street. Along Pall Mall and Saint James's people still remained in their places in the stands; others stood in groups in the streets joining in the hymns that were at that moment being sung at St. Paul's. People even dropped to their knees and joined in the prayers, and everyone was bareheaded. This was the most thrilling scene of all—John McMullin in "Vogue."

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KOTOHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 30th Dec.
TANGO MARU ... Monday, 11th Jan.

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TOBA MARU ... Tuesday, 5th Jan.

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MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

To-Day's Arrivals

(BY T.S.M.)

S.S. "TIKEMBANG"
The S.S. "Tikembang" of the Java-China-Japan Line is due here to-day from Java and Manila, and will leave here for Amoy, Chingampo, Dairen and Shanghai to-morrow.

M.S. "TJISADANE"
The M.S. "Tjisdane" of the Java-China-Japan Line will arrive here to-morrow from Shanghai, Amoy, and will sail for Manila, Makassar, Bali and Sourabaya on Tuesday, December 22 at 11 a.m.

S.S. "TAI YUAN"
The S.S. "Tai Yuan" of the China Navigation Company, Ltd. (Butterfield and Swire, Agents) is due here from Shanghai and Amoy, and will leave for Amoy and Shanghai on Wednesday, December 23 at 5 p.m.

S.S. "KITANO MARU"
The S.S. "Kitano Maru" of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line will arrive here to-morrow from Australia and Manila, and will sail for Japan (Nagasaki direct) on Monday, December 21.

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF ASIA"
The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited is due here on Monday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m., from Manila, and will leave for Vancouver via ports on Wednesday, December 23, at 6 a.m.

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"
The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited left Yokohama for Honolulu on Friday Morning, December 18, and will leave Honolulu on Thursday, December 24.
She is due at Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, December 29, and will leave Vancouver, B.C. on Saturday, January 9 next.
She is due at Hong Kong on Friday morning, January 29 next.

VESSELS DUE

(Continued from Page 14)

Jean Laborde, Messageries, January 8.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Kotohima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Menesthaus, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Dec. 30.
Negato Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Pleasantville, Bank Line, December 27.
Poland, Melchers, January 12.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Jan. 15.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar, Jan. 14.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Jan. 1.
Preston, Johnson, December 30.
Pyrrhus, B. & S., Jan. 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 8.
Rames, Johnson, January 8.
Rampura, P. & O., December 24.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., Jan. 7.
Reinhardt, Johnson, January 4.
Rio de Janeiro Maru, O.S.K., Dec. 20.
Roseville, Bank Line, December 20.
Sauerland, Johnson, January 8.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN.)

The freight returns, received from the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9:00 a.m. yesterday, showed a very low tonnage movement.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 2,770 tons, with British steamers carrying 1,762 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 8,740 tons, of which 3,090 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were only 8, of which 6 were from British steamers.

There were altogether eight arrivals, of which four were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the nine departures, five were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	4	4,852
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	3	8,658
Total	8	11,510

PASSENGERS ARRIVALS

S.S. SUWA MARU

The following passengers from Yokohama and way ports arrived here on December 18, were:

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley F. Rennie, Mr. & Mrs. Hallock, Capt. & Mrs. James P. Twomey, Mrs. Ethel Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Abbott, Miss Mary E. Golly, Miss Oliver Boyer, Mrs. Agnes Landsberger, Mrs. Theodora Winthrop Brown, Mr. Bryan Aubrey Merritt, Mrs. Laura Caroline Small, Mr. Theodore H. Shearman Allen, Mr. Charles E. Geddes, Mr. Kan Soo Ven, Mr. Okamoto Isotaro, Mr. George Emiel Martin, Mr. Homer Gilwood Frankenberg, Miss Jessie B. Boyd and Miss Olga Marie Carvalho.

Seistan, Douglas, December 19.
Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.
Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 5.
Somali, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Sumatra Maru, O.S.K., Dec. 19.
Suisang, Jardine's, December 25.
Talamba, B.I. (Apar), Dec. 31.
Talmis, B.I. (Apar), Dec. 22.
Tallhybus, B. & S., December 31.
Tartar, Tharesin's, Dec. 31.
Teiresias, B. & S., December 28.
Teucer, B. & S., Jan. 29.
Tiger, Tharesin's, Dec. 27.
Tijbadak, J.C.J. Line, January 6.
Tijbadak, J.C.J. Line, December 19.
Tjkenbang, J.C.J. Line, December 23.
Trukushima Maru, N.Y.K., December 29.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Travo, Melchers, December 31.
Zuiderkerk, J.C.J. Line, January 3.

ARRIVALS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Tai Ping, Norwegian steamer, 3,668 tons, Captain R. Johansen, from New York via Manila, general cargo, buoy No. A2—Dodwell & Co.

Nanning, British steamer, 1,488 tons, Captain Graybrook from Canton, lying at buoy No. B18.—B. & S.

Suwa Maru, Japanese steamer, 6,837 tons, Captain T. Goto, from Shanghai, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. A1.—N. Y. K.

Kung Ho, Chinese steamer, 2,690 tons, Captain M. Katsui, from Keelung, cargo—coal, buoy No. B26.—M. B. K.

Kaitangata, British steamer, 1,202 tons, Captain H. MacPhee, from Port-Redon, general cargo, Kowloon Bay—Williamson & Co.

Seistan, British steamer, 1,571 tons, Captain R. C. Greer, from Swatow, general cargo, berthing at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Kut Sang, British steamer, 3,643 tons, Captain D. R. Kilbee, from Calcutta via Saigon, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Hellsu, Norwegian steamer, 1,113 tons, Captain W. Hannevig, from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo, buoy No. B9.—Thoresen & Co.

City of Salisbury, British steamer, 3,779 tons, Capt. O. C. Brown, from Liverpool via Yokohama, general cargo, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Taijin Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,642 tons, Capt. G. Sorinachi, from Yokohama via Moji, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—O. S. K.

U.S. SHIPPING STRIKE

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

Mr. Harry Lundberg, Secretary of the Sailors' Union on the Pacific Coast, to-day intimated that agreements had been reached on all major points, including wages and working hours, in discussions for the settlement of the shipping strike.

The agreements, however, concern only sailors and marine firemen, he explained.

Mr. Lundberg is prepared to present a tentative agreement to the union members to-morrow.

For some days past, Mr. Lundberg and Union representatives have been in close conference with employers, under the eye of Mr. F. W. McGrady, of the Department of Labour. Mr. McGrady has been predicting a settlement of this sort for a week, but has warned against too much optimism.—*Reuter.*

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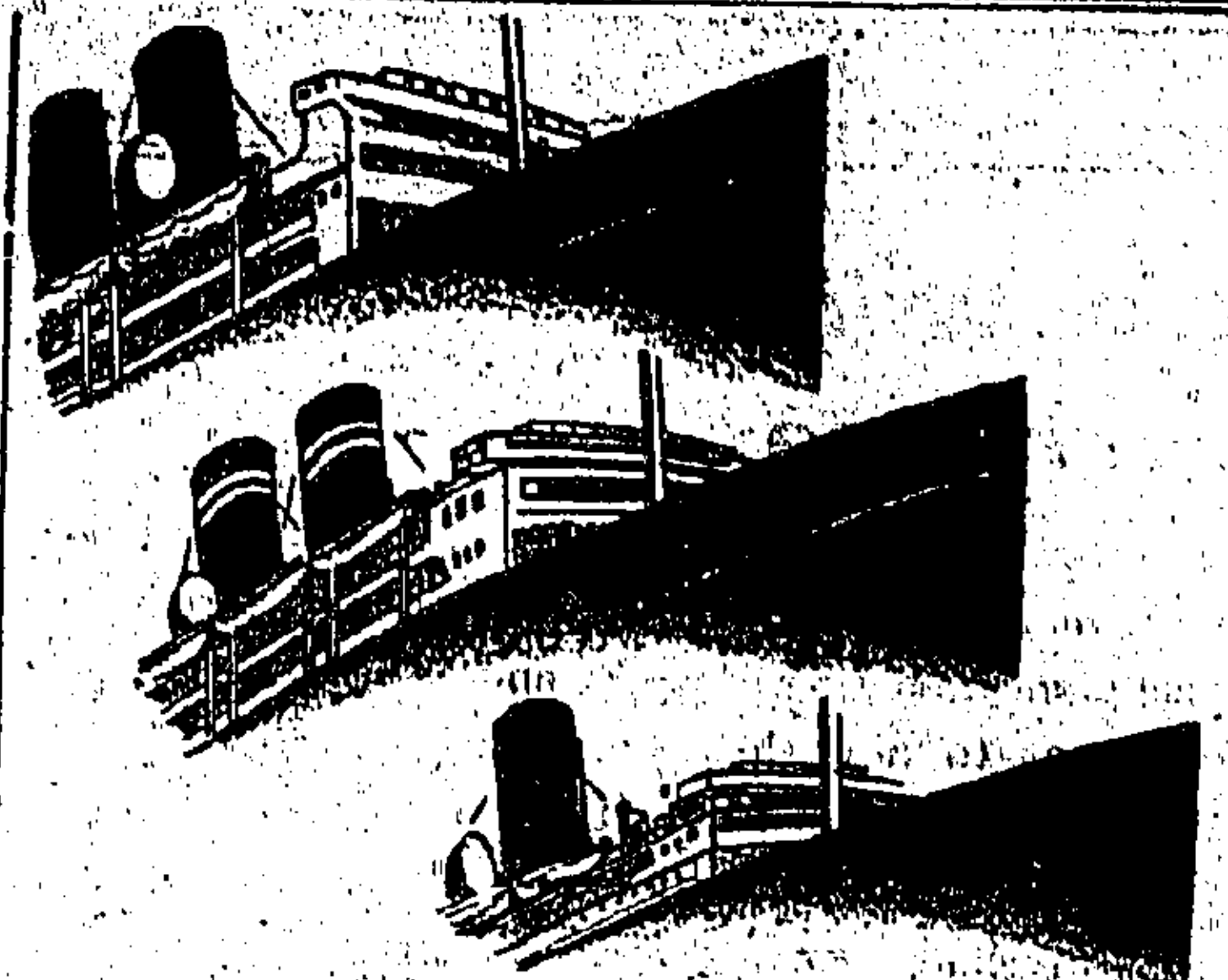
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*RAJPUTANA	17,000	6th Jan.	Hull, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*RANPURA	17,000	13th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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SECOND TEST MATCH

Good Start By England

HAMMOND SCORES
147 NOT OUT

Sydney, Dec. 18. England made a good start in the Second Test Match against Australia which commenced today. At close of play the score was 279 for three wickets, towards which Walter Hammond contributed an unfinished 147. Fine summer weather favoured the day's play. The attendance was 35,107 and the gate receipts £3,388.

Allen, England's captain, won the toss and this will be an advantage if the wicket crumbles after a few days as it is expected to do. England's team was the same as in the First Test except that Sims replaced Worthington. On the Australian side O'Brien was included as twelfth man in place of Robinson.

Fagg and Barnett opened the innings for England and faced some fierce bowling from McCormick. One of these hit Fagg in the cheek, and later Barnett was struck in the knee. Fagg's career ended when he sliced one of the rising deliveries from McCormick into the slips, which Sievers held low down. Fagg scored 11 runs and the total was 27.

Hammond, joined Barnett and the 50 was hoisted on the board in 53 minutes, Barnett having scored 24 and Hammond 10. They brought the score to 100 at lunch time. Barnett indulged in sparkling cutting and driving, reaching his 50 in 39 minutes, and for a time he overshadowed Hammond, who, however, took no risks.

BARNETT DISMISSED

When the score reached 118, Barnett, who had scored 57, played on to his wicket off Ward. He was at the wickets for 107 minutes and hit five boundaries. The partnership lasted 78 minutes.

Hammond executed some artistic strokes in reaching his 50 in 94 minutes and he went on to make the three-figure score in 162 minutes with eleven boundaries.

Leyland, who has filled the gap, played with extreme caution at first and reached 30 at tea time, the total being 209 for 2.

The score reached 247 when the third wicket fell, Leyland being l.b.w. to McCabe after scoring 42. He batted stubbornly, but was not so confident as usual.

HAMMOND UNBEATEN

At close of play the score was 279 for 3. Ames 8 not out and Hammond 147 not out.

Score details follow:
Fagg, c Sievers, b McCormick 11
Barnett, b Ward 57
Hammond, not out 147
Leyland, l.b.w., b McCabe 42
Ames, not out 8
Extras 14
Total (for 3 wickets) 279

—Reuter.

FIVE CRUISERS TO BE RETAINED

British Admiralty Decision.

London, Dec. 17.

The British government has officially notified the United States and Japan that five obsolete British cruisers which were to be scrapped under article 21 of the London naval agreement will not go to the wreckers but will be kept in commission according to an announcement by Sir Samuel Hoare to the House of Commons on Thursday.

Sir Samuel Hoare pointed out that in view of the international aggravation at present it was hardly the right moment for dismantling ships still serviceable and added that the United States government had already stated its agreement while the Japanese answer is still outstanding.

—Transocean News Service.

MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEM

London, Dec. 17.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, asked in the House of Commons about a Mediterranean understanding, replied that an exchange of views is proceeding between His Majesty's Government and the Italian Government, but he would not be in a position to make any statement before the House rose on Friday for Christmas recess.

—British Wireless.

A Young Competitor



Before the start in the Children's Competition held at the Kwantli Gymkhana.

Diverting Aspects

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I love them. They mean much to me. I do not know whether this indicates I am religiously inclined or not. I only know that I care immensely about the strange little figures. Consequently I have several. One, owned once by a Chinese Ambassador, in Washington, was given to my parent. Naturally I got it. It is of quite ancient origin, reputed to have suffered through two monastic fires some nine hundred years ago in China.

It appears to my recently arrived eye, that there is no predetermined value to any one of the pieces of artistry occurring in such abundance in China.

The shop keeper, the Buddha owner, is of the most shrewd variety of Oriental. He is a past master of first impressions. He catches sight of the amount of Hong Kong dollars in your purse long before you see what you may buy; even so, he is likely as not to know what your eye will light upon before you do!

If you're clever, the Buddha (or anything else) is yours at your own price, as you well know; if you're not clever, you leave a fool. It humiliates the shop keeper beyond all words to fail to catch you.

However, if you have a taste for Buddhas, which is a nice, quiet way of enjoying yourself, you will, by searching with a tasteful and diligent eye the small dealers' shops of Hong Kong, find such a rare variety of Buddhas as to make your heart ache; that is, if you enjoy them as much as I do.

China Situation In Commons

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He believed that the Japanese-German agreement, as published, was a facade hiding much more sinister arrangements than have been yet revealed.

—Reuter.

CHANG TO CONTROL SHENSI PROVINCE

Appoints Himself As Military Chief

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has proclaimed himself Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission for the North-West of China, and General Yang Hu-cheng is declared Vice-Chairman, according to Chinese press reports.

This means that until the rebellion is crushed there will be a separate military government in Shensi, and perhaps Kansu.

Meanwhile, General Ho Ying-Ching, War Minister, in supreme command of the Central Government's armies since Marshal Chiang fell into the hands of the rebels, is circulating the country announcing his assumption of the post of commander-in-chief of a punitive expedition against the insurgents.

He will be assisted by General Liu Chih, Pacification Commissioner for Honan and Anhwei, and General Ku Chu-tung, Pacification Commissioner for Kwetchow and Yunnan, as his field commanders of the eastern and western route armies respectively.

—Reuter.

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BRITISH TRADE DISCUSSIONS

London, Dec. 17.

The Dominions Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that the discussions on trade between the United Kingdom and the New Zealand Minister of Finance had so far been of a preliminary nature, and it would be premature to make a statement.

Another Board of Trade reply on trade negotiations mentioned Canada and India as the only two countries with which commercial negotiations were in progress.

—British Wireless.

TWO ROBBERIES IN MONGKOK

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had been paying on the verandah, were herded into the same room.

While one of the intruders kept guard over the victims, the other two ransacked the flat for about ten minutes.

Before leaving they gagged the two women with sugar cane.

As they were leaving the floor, one of them, apparently the leader of the gang, noticed Chan Heung trying to set herself free. She was warned not to move or he would kill her.

The property stolen included \$13 in money, a wrist watch and a gold ring.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Shortly after 5.30 p.m. Ngai Kwan Hing, 24, vegetable stall foki, of Waterloo Road, came into the charge room of Mongkok Tsui Station and related that while he was on his way from Shamshuipo (where he had been collecting takings on behalf of his master from various stalls) to Yau-mat, walking along Canton Road near Arran Street, he was seized from behind by a man while another attempted to snatch a cloth bag, containing \$19.28, which Ngai was holding in his hand.

Ngai was forced to the ground but the robbers did not succeed in taking the bag as it was secured to his wrist. The victim, however, managed to produce his police whistle which he blew.

The men bolted with the foki in pursuit. A Chinese constable on duty in the vicinity gave chase and caught one of the men.

The name of the man who was arrested is given by the police as Wong Chau, aged 25, street coolie. He is alleged to have tried to snatch the bag.

FOUR CASES

It will be recalled that on Wednesday two robberies were reported, one from Au Tau and the other from the Sham Shui Po district. This brings the total to four within three days.

B.B.C. GOVERNORS

London, Dec. 17.

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., and Mr. James Joseph Mallon, have been appointed Governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Sir Ian, one of the most popular members of the House, is blind, and has done brilliant work for fellow-sufferers in wireless experimentation.

—Reuter.

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SHANGHAI AND AMOY	Tai Yuen	20th Dec.
STRAITS	Torushima Maru	20th Dec.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Atsuta Maru	20th Dec.
JAPAN	Rio de Janeiro Maru	20th Dec.
STRAITS, MANILA and London Parcel	Menestheus	20th Dec.
London, 18th November	Emp. of Asia	21st Dec.
MANILA	Canton	21st Dec.
HAIPHONG		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	R.M.A. Dorado	22nd Dec.
Direct Service—London date, 12th December.		
CALCUTTA, STRAITS and EUROPE via NEOPATAM (Papers only) London, 19th November	Taina	22nd Dec.
JAVA	Tjissadane	23rd Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th Nov. and London Parcel—London, 19th Nov.	Ranpura	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	G. G. Paul Doreau	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Tasman	25th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Bangalore	25th Dec.
ALCUTTA and STRAITS	Comoria	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Suzhou	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Scharnhorst	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Trukushima Maru	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Atsuta Maru	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG	D'Arcton	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Chamomess	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Toyama Maru	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Nagato Maru	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Tyrenia	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Ajias	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Ginyo Maru	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Kotokira Maru	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Van Heuts	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Nankin	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Talamba	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Atsuta	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Taiyaku	25th Dec.

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FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
SATURDAY		
Manila	Munster Castle	Saturday, 19th, 10.00 a.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 31st Dec.	Santhia	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.30 a.m. Let. 10.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Santhia	Parcel 9.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. planes	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. Noon Let. 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hai Yuan	8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kaying	8.30 p.m.
Foochow	Bachuan	8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kuicang	8.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai).	C.N.A.C. plane	Reg. 19th, 5.00 p.m. Let. 19th, 5.00 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. 19th, 5.00 p.m. Let. 19th, 5.00 p.m.
Manila	Silvergrey	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hong Kong Maru	9.00 a.m.
Japan	Kiama Maru	9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Swatow and Amoy	Anhui	Monday, 21st, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Rio de Janeiro Maru	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and "EUROPE via Siberia"	Menestheus	2.30 p.m.
Letters for Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by "Pan-American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 29th December.	Tjissadane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 21st, 5.00 p.m. Let. 22nd, 8.30 a.m.
TUESDAY		
Manila, Makassar and Surabaya	Tjissadane	Tuesday, 22nd, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiaman	12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	1.40 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	8.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and "EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C." (Parcel for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 9th January—and "EUROPE via Siberia"	Empire of Asia	Parcel 4.00 p.m. Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Foochow via Swatow	Nanchang	Wednesday, 23rd, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kuicang Maru	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	8.30 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 4th January.	R.M.A. Dorado	Reg. 24th, 5.00 p.m. Let. 25th, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 29th December.	R.M.A. Dorado	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 24th, 5.00 p.m. Let. 25th, 8.30 a.m.
FRIDAY		
Seigon and "EUROPE via Marseilles"—due Marseilles, 29th January	D'Arcton	Friday, 25th, G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.

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